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Creator of *Rave Master*

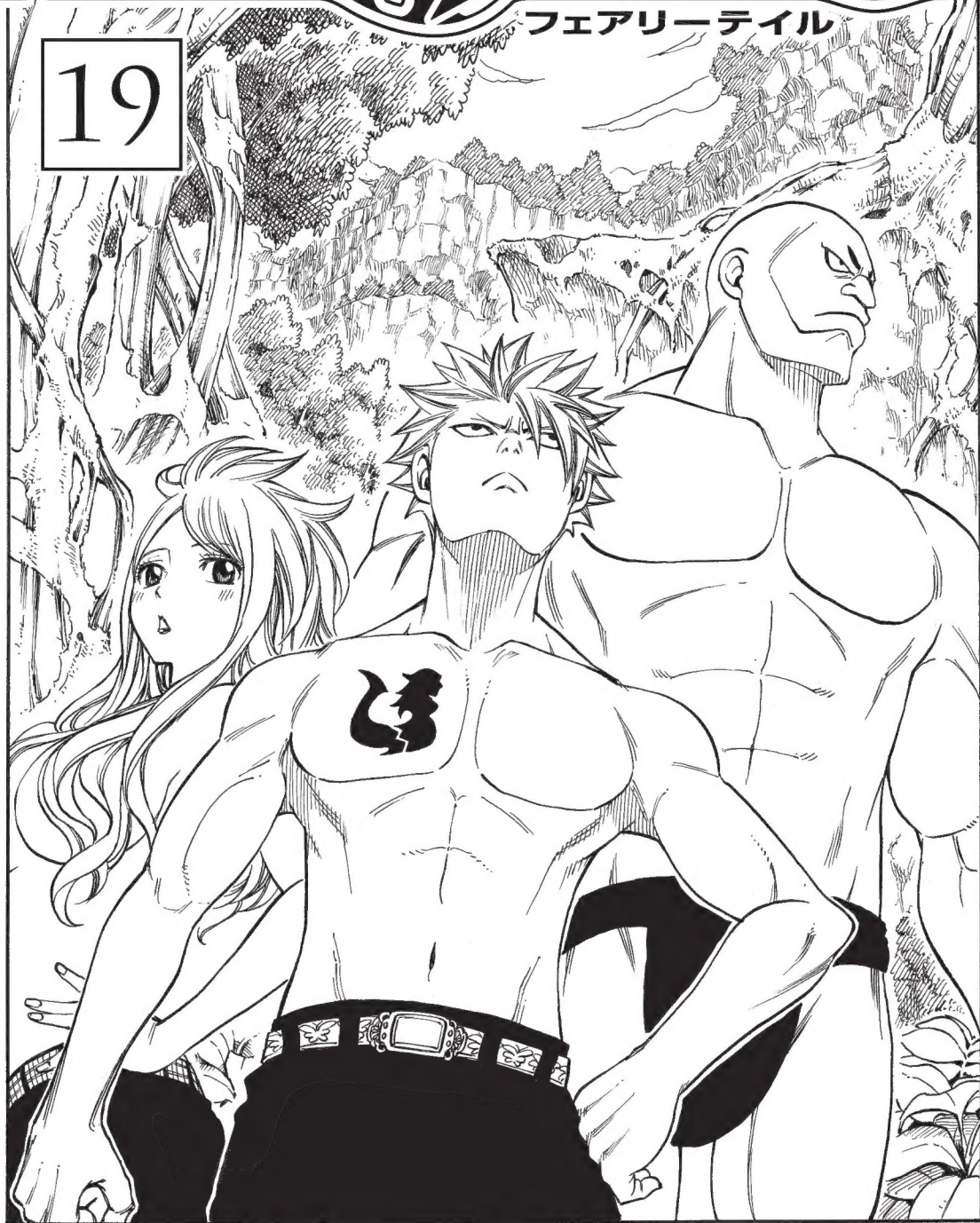




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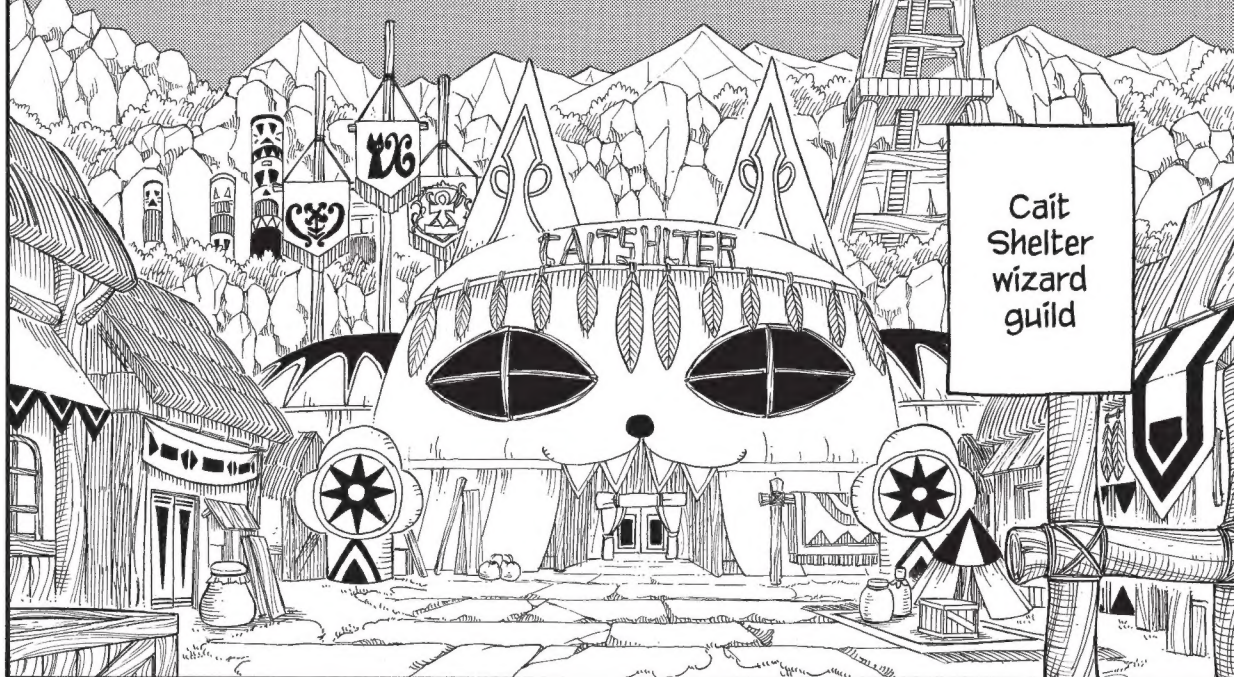
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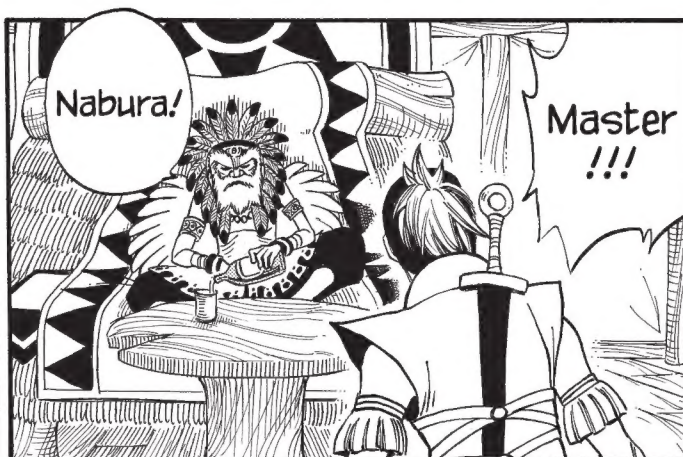


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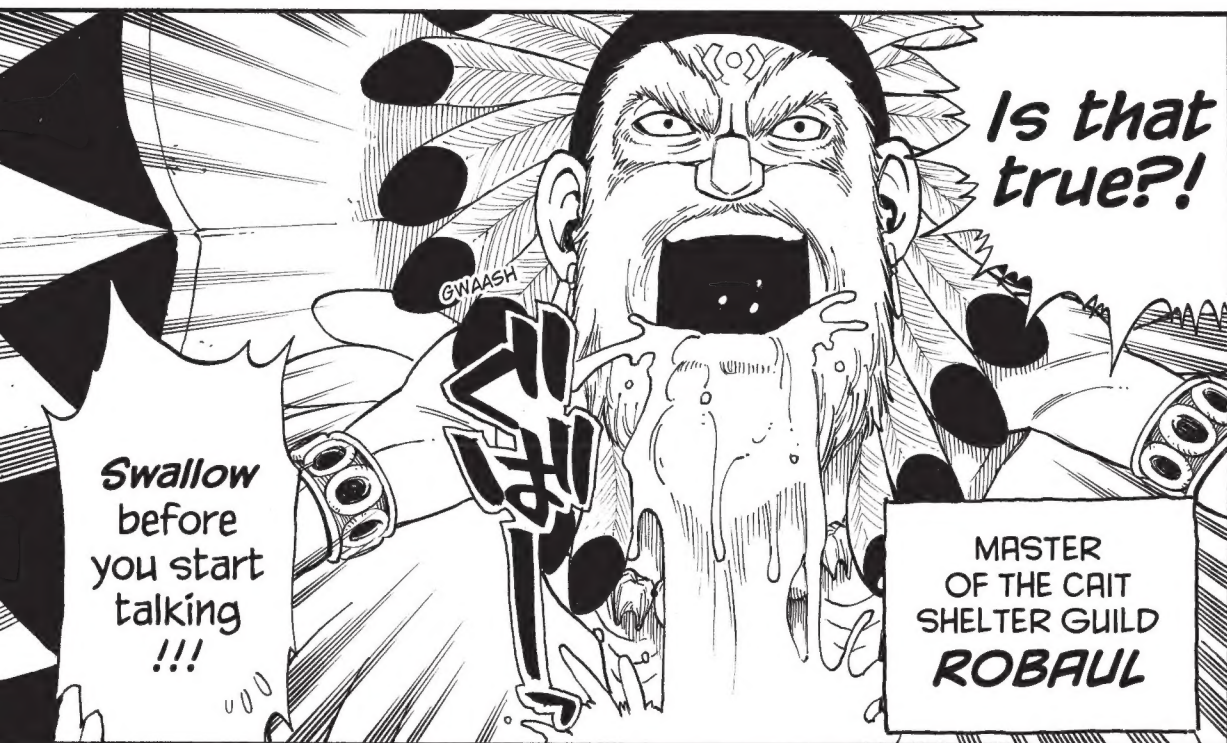




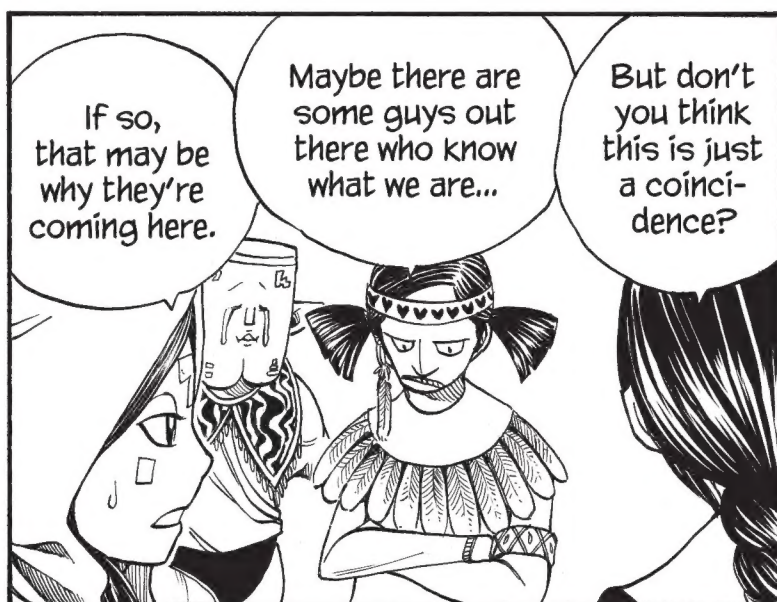
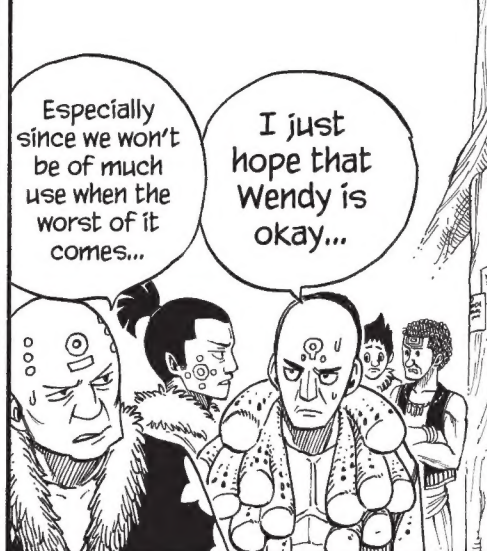
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Shelter  
wizard  
guild



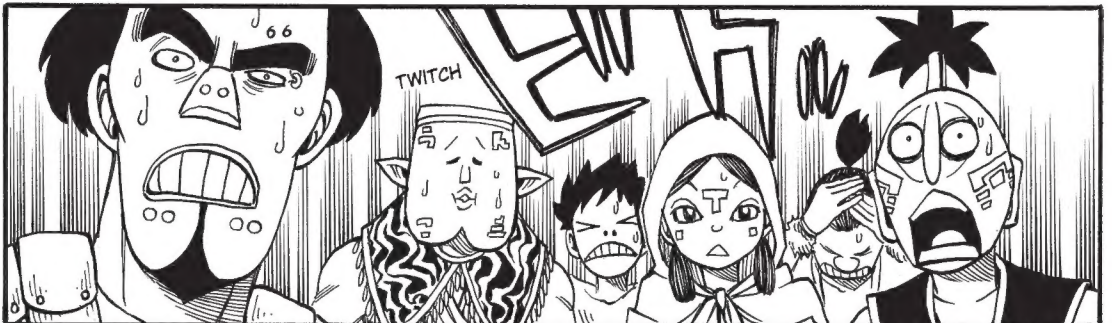
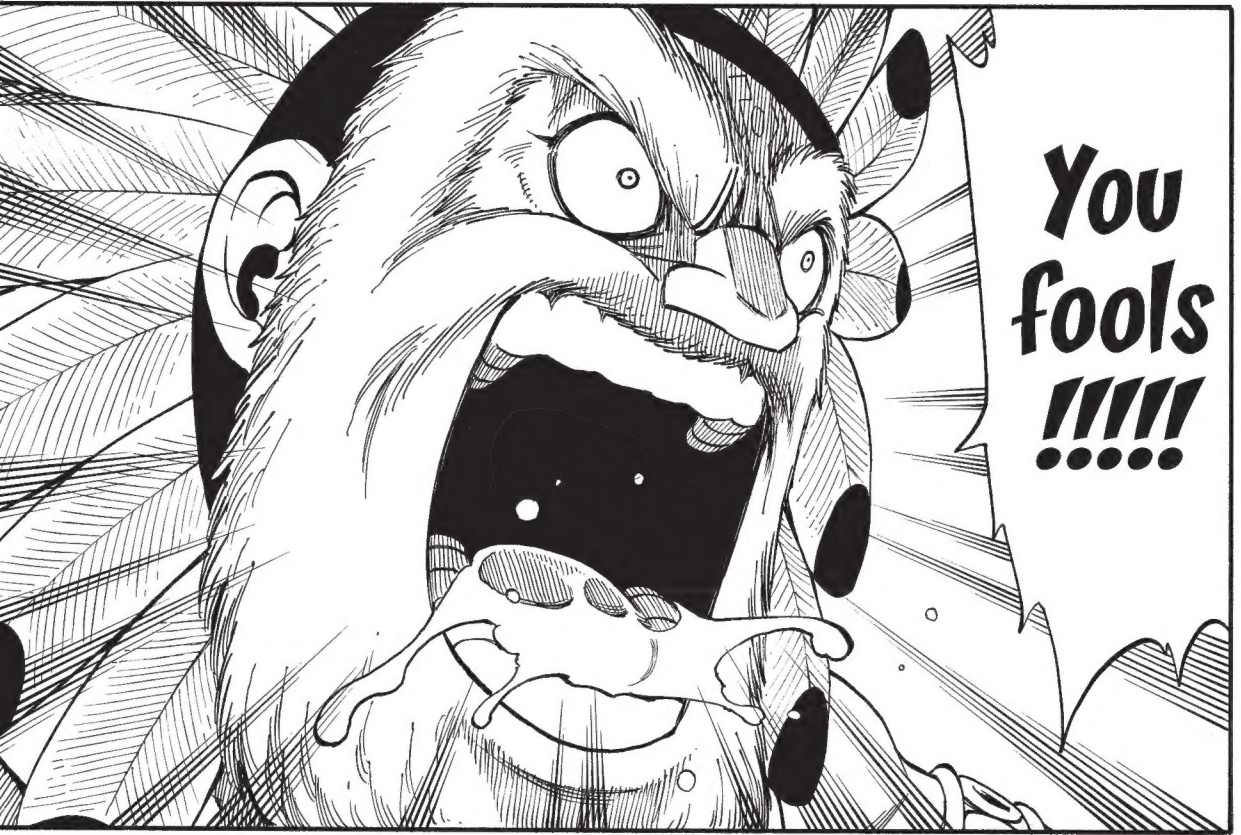
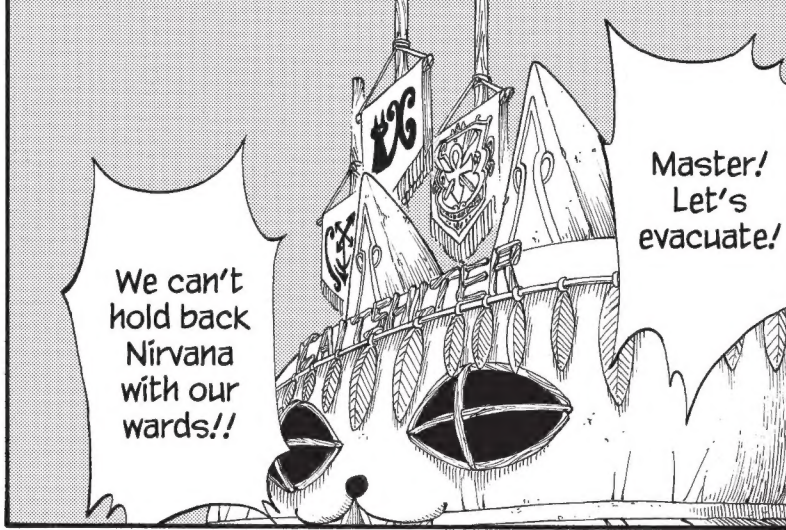




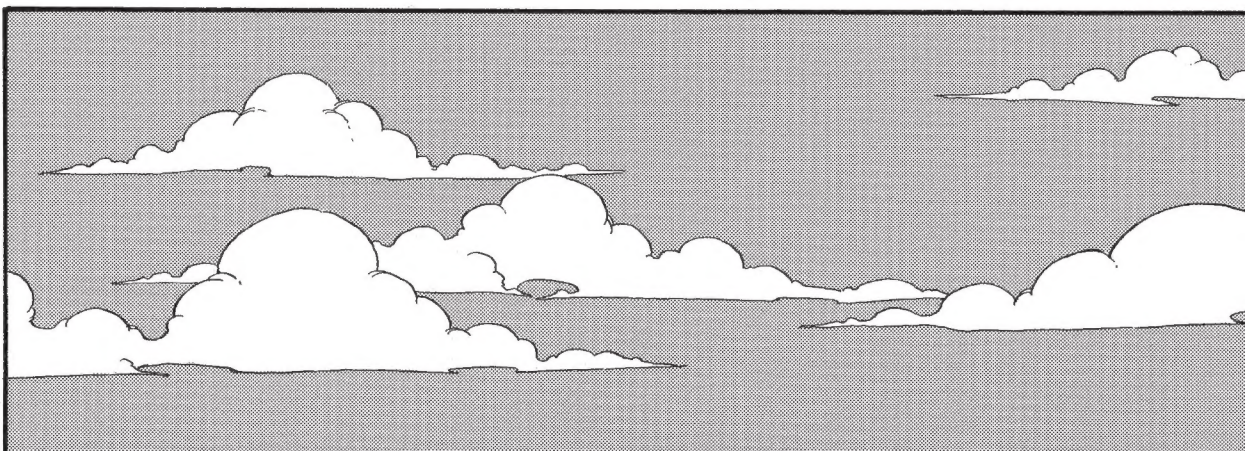
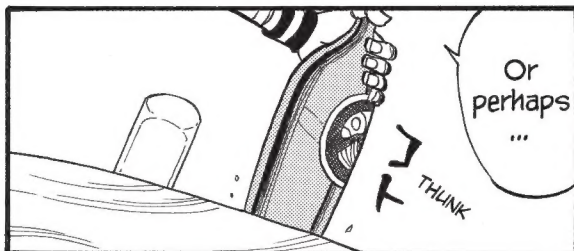
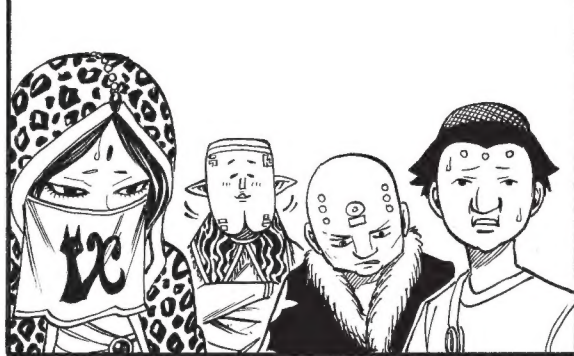




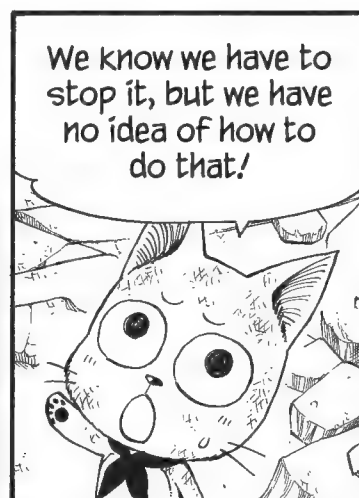
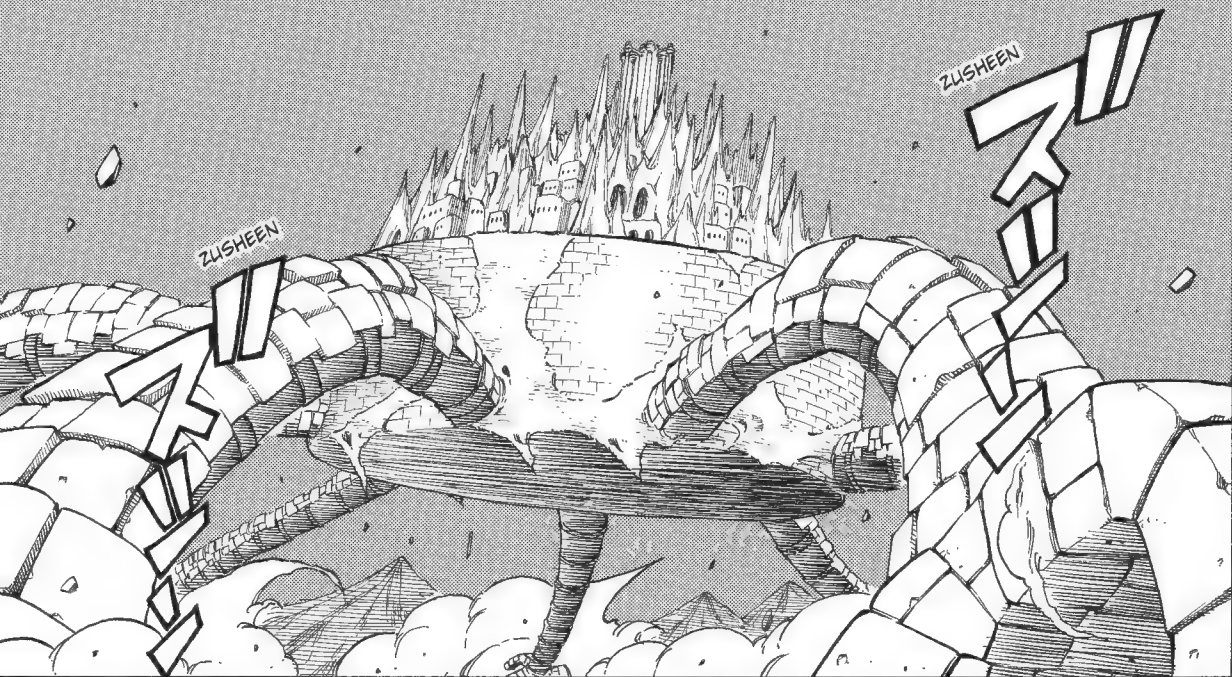






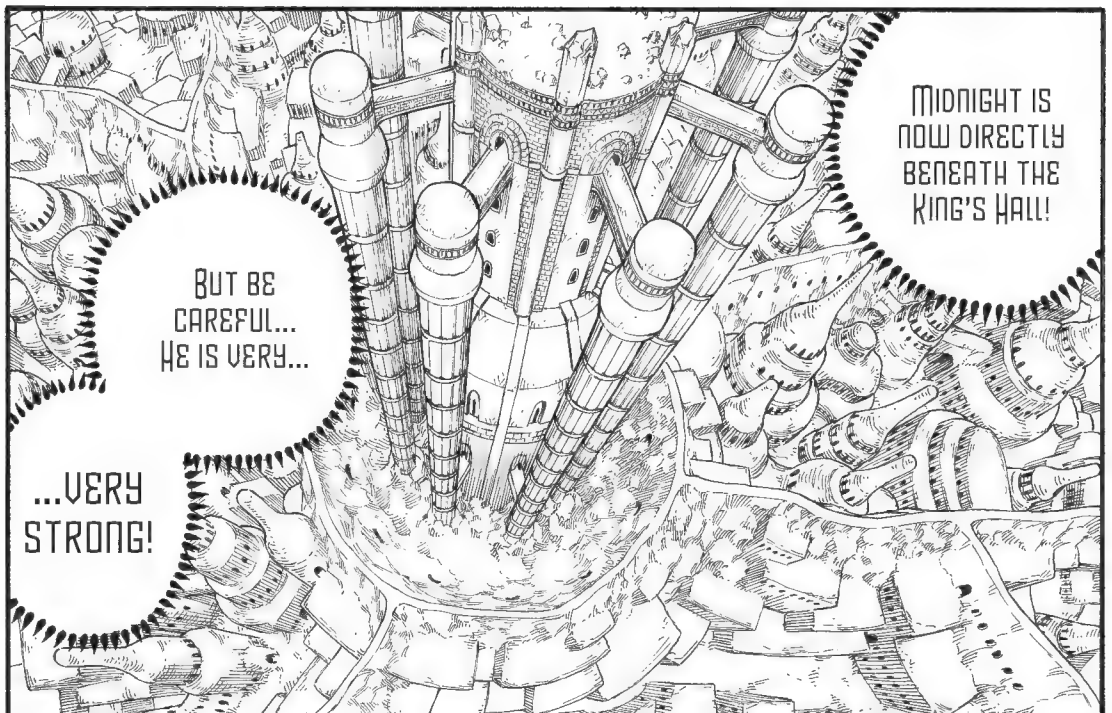
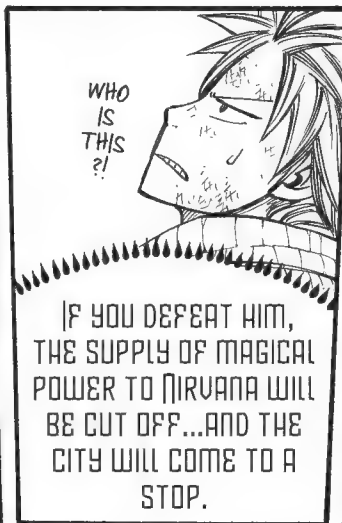
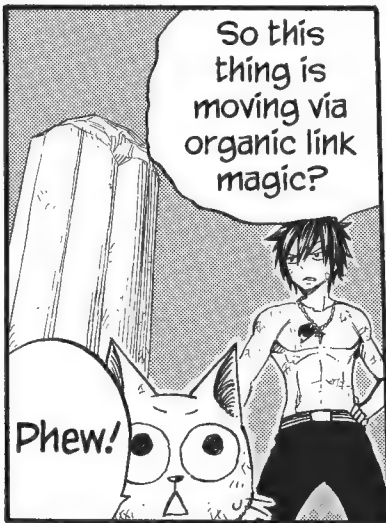
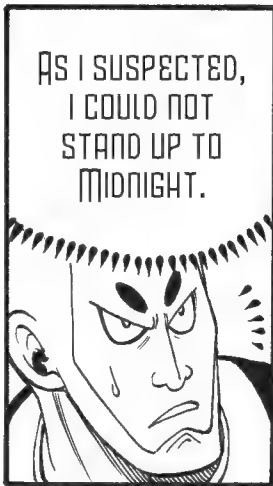


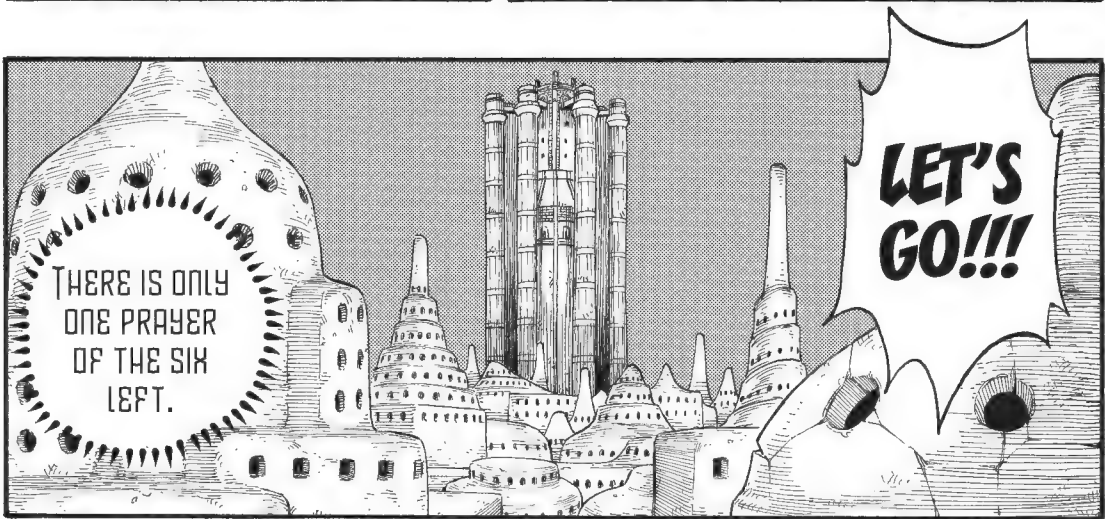




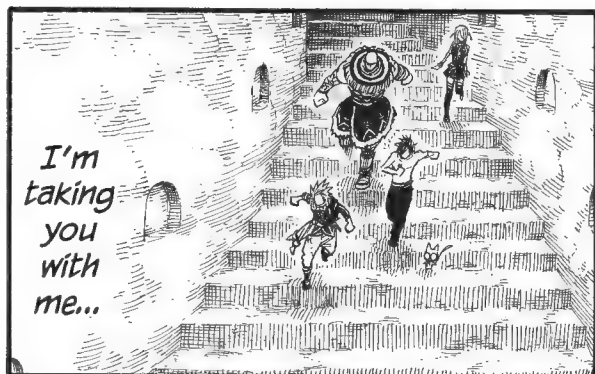










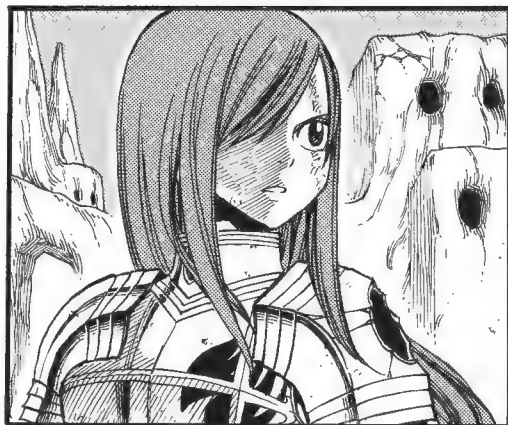


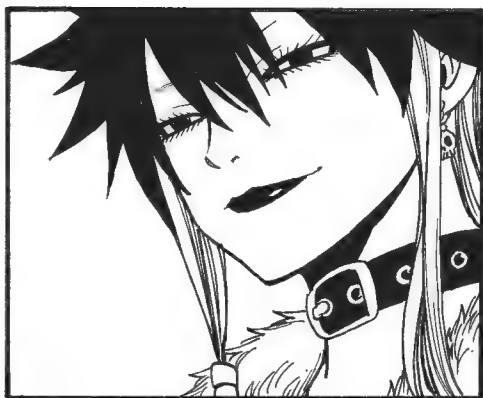






What was that explosion?

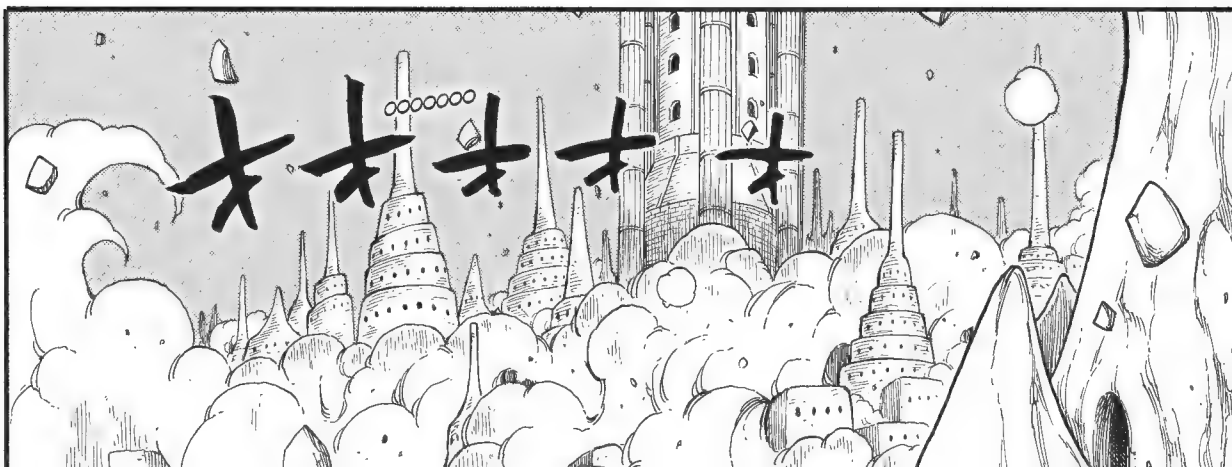
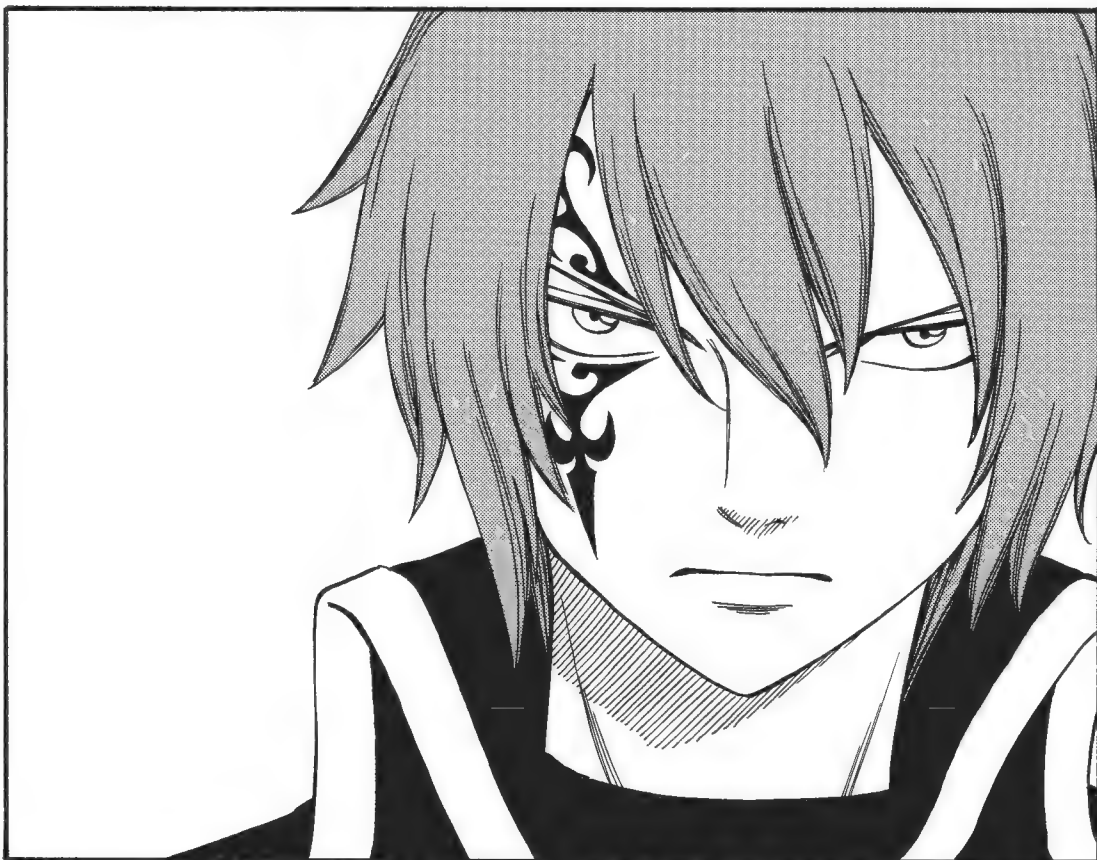




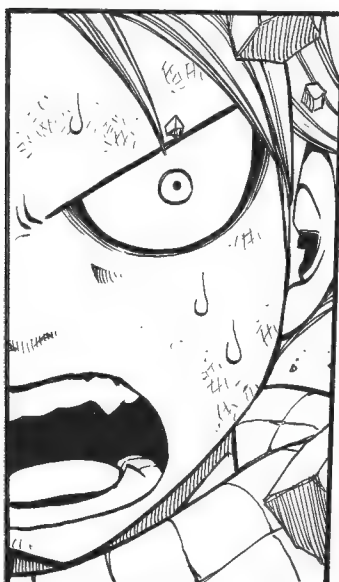
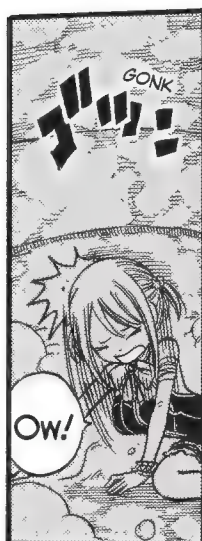
Jellal?

Step  
back...

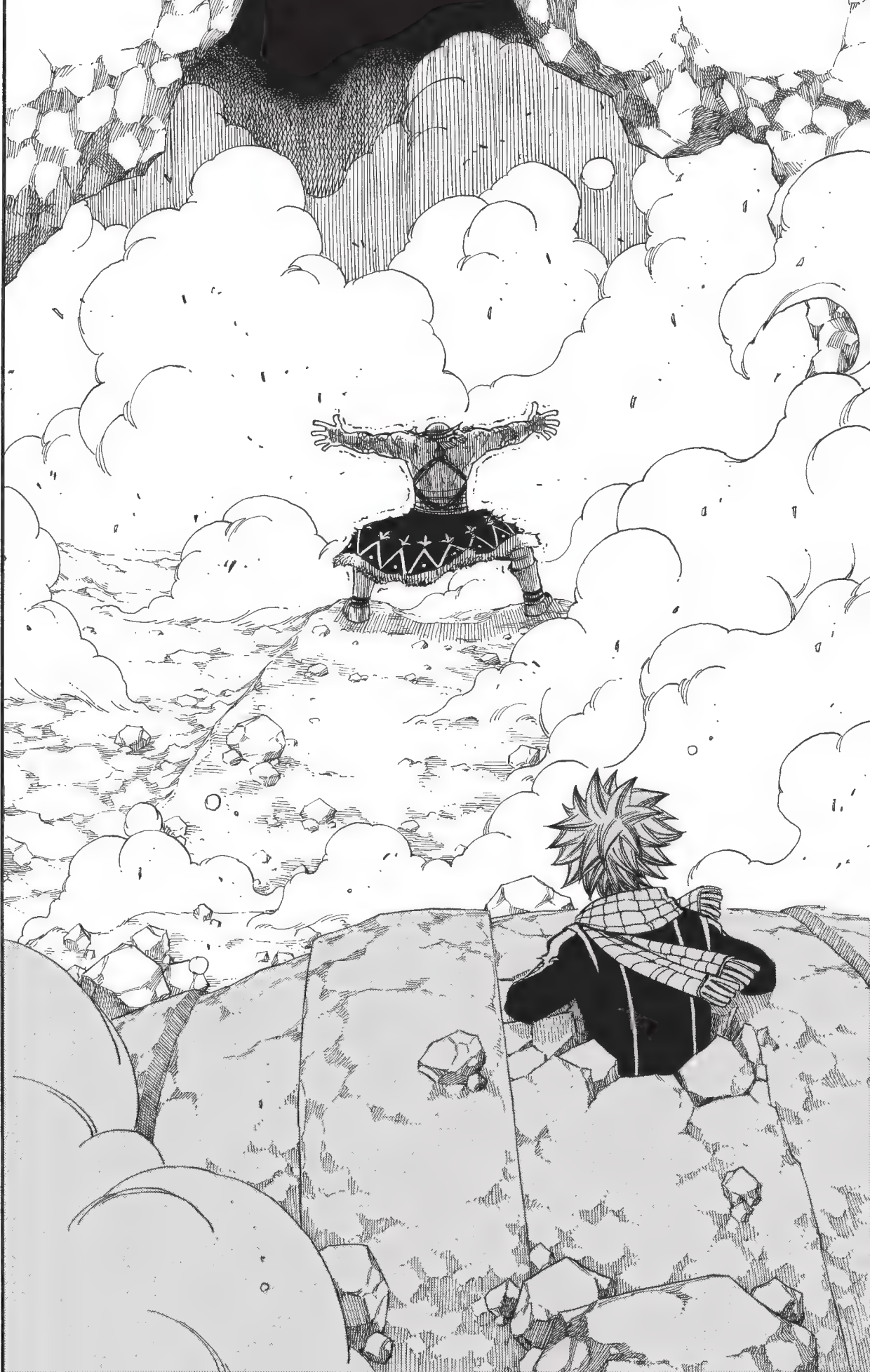
...Erza!





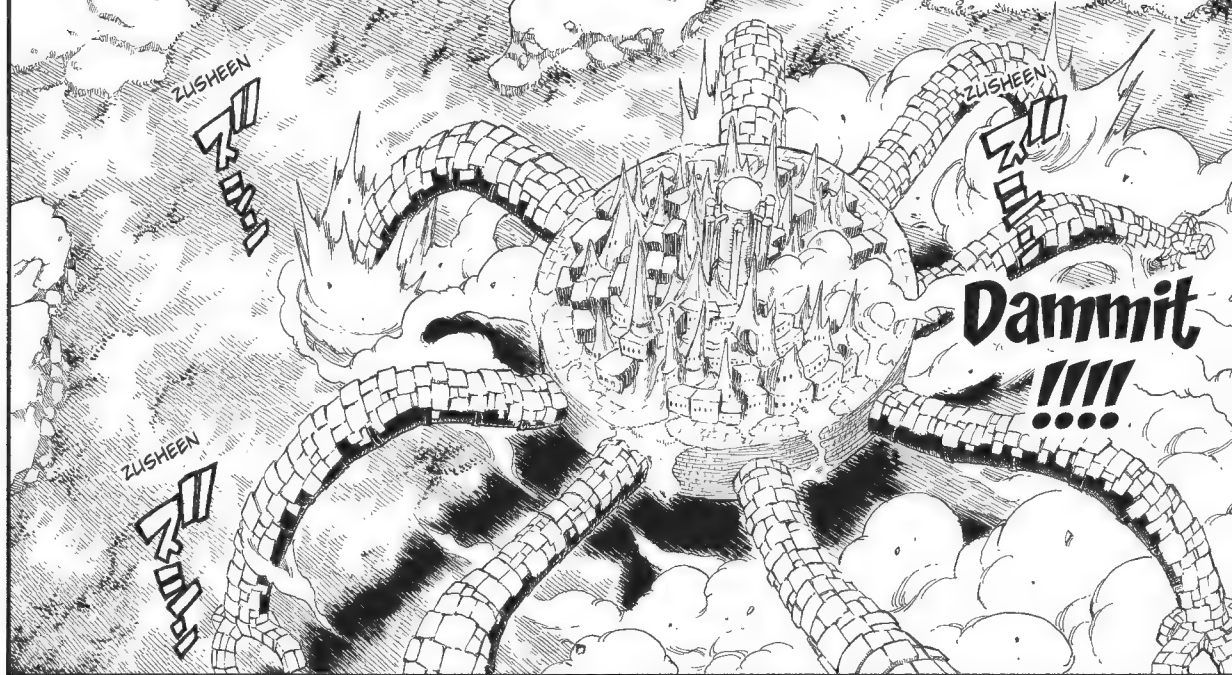












You have a good sense of smell, hm?

Oh!! I'm sorry, Carla!

Let's walk while we search for Jellal!



Wendy, I'm sorry, but I can't fly anymore.

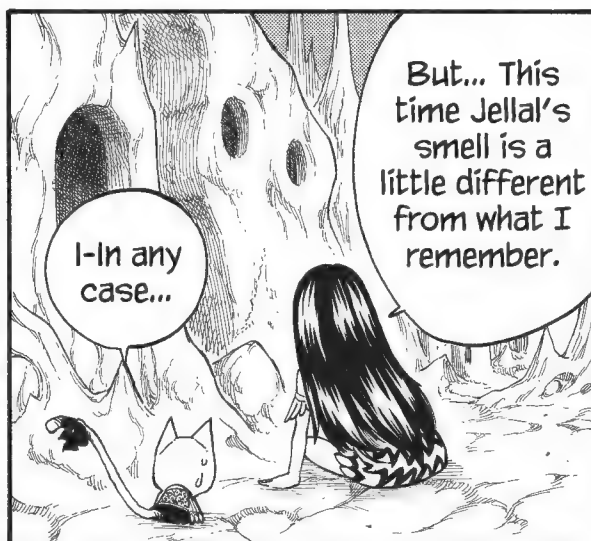
It really is heading for Cait Shelter!!



You're thinking that maybe if anyone can stop it, it's him?

Let's find Jellal!!

Yeah!

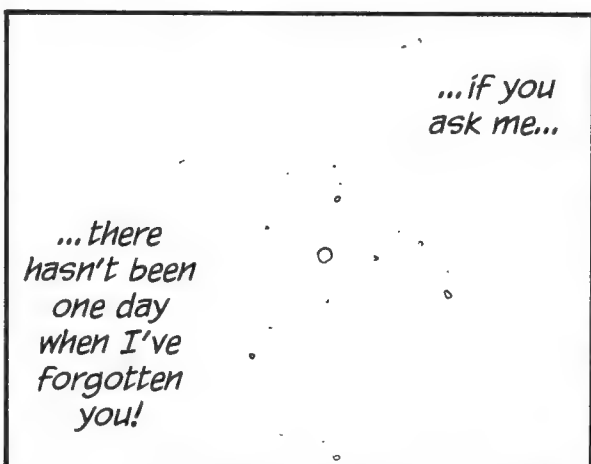


I-In any case...

But... This time Jellal's smell is a little different from what I remember.



*Please be  
all right,  
Jellal!*

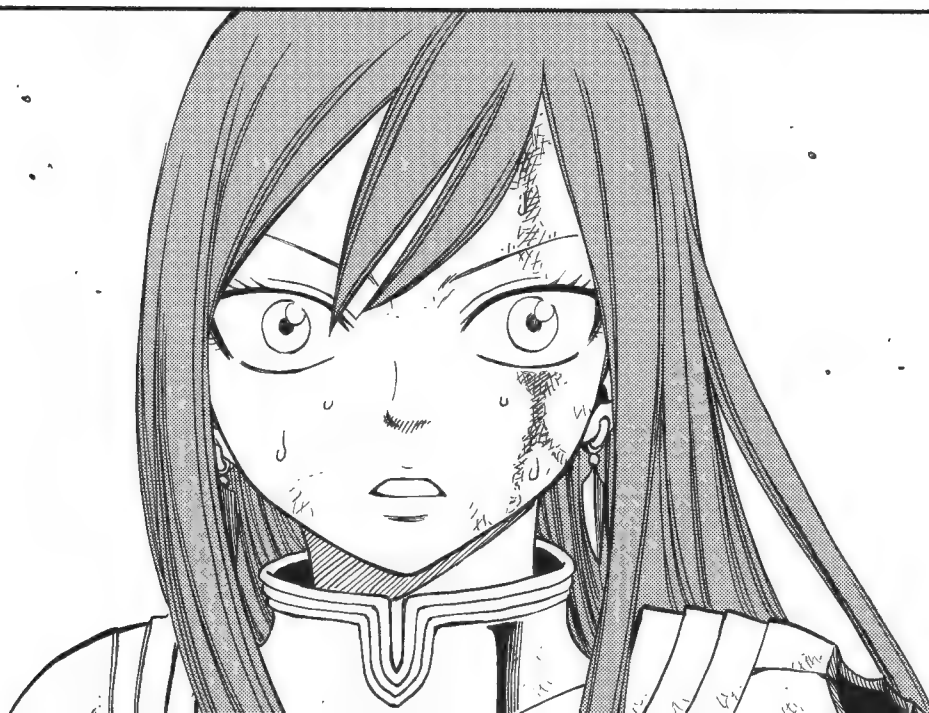


*...if you  
ask me...*

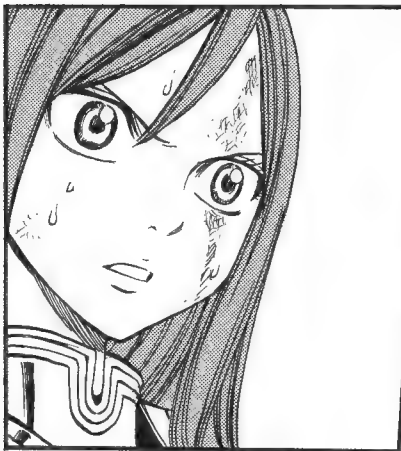
*...there  
hasn't been  
one day  
when I've  
forgotten  
you!*

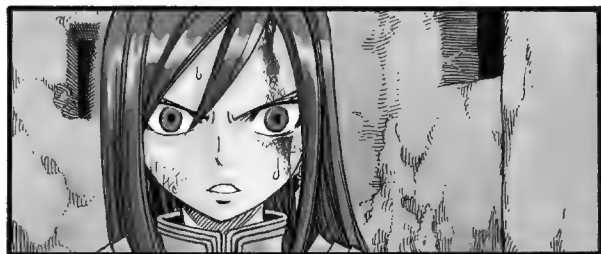


*It seems  
like you've  
forgotten  
me, but...*













**Chapter 154: Your Words, Especially**



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*He beat  
Jellal that  
easily...?*

Urn...



So  
you're  
still  
alive?

Humph  
...

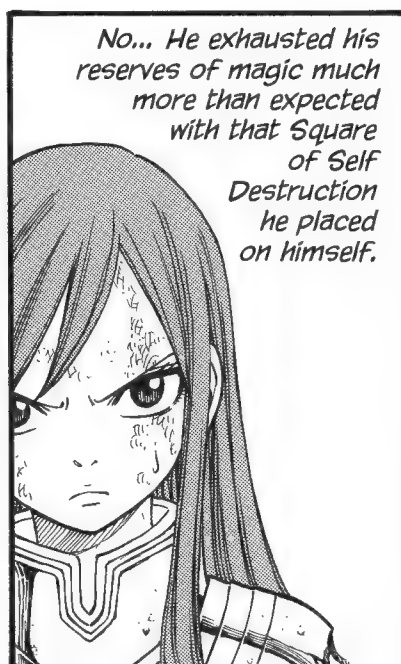


KH...

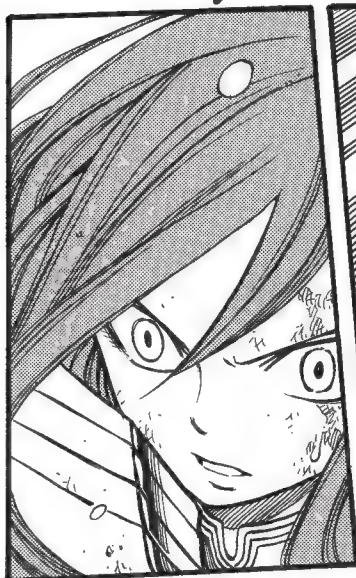
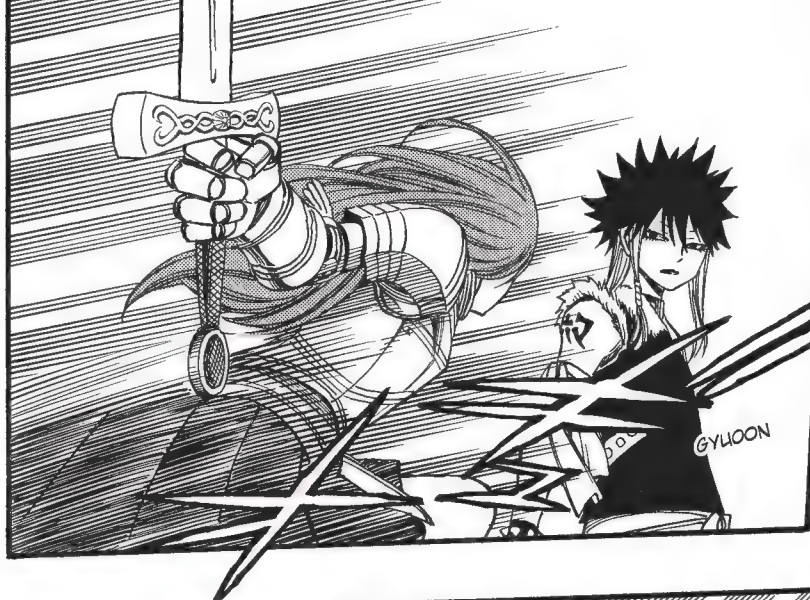


...I'd like  
to see a  
look of real  
terror on  
your face.

You  
know...



*No... He exhausted his  
reserves of magic much  
more than expected  
with that Square  
of Self  
Destruction  
he placed  
on himself.*



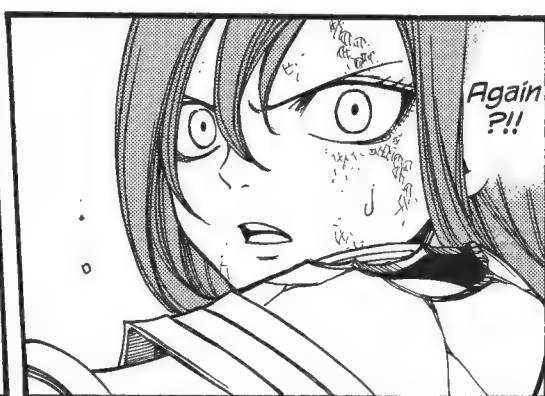
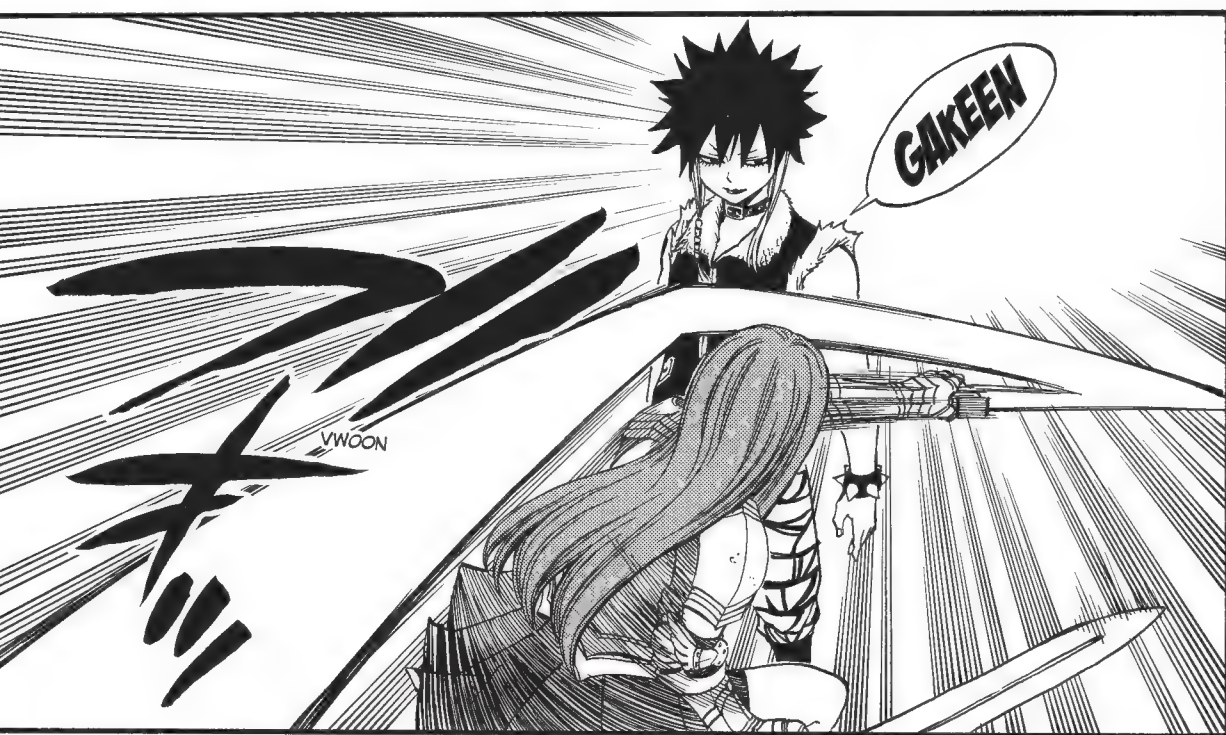
**GAKEEN**

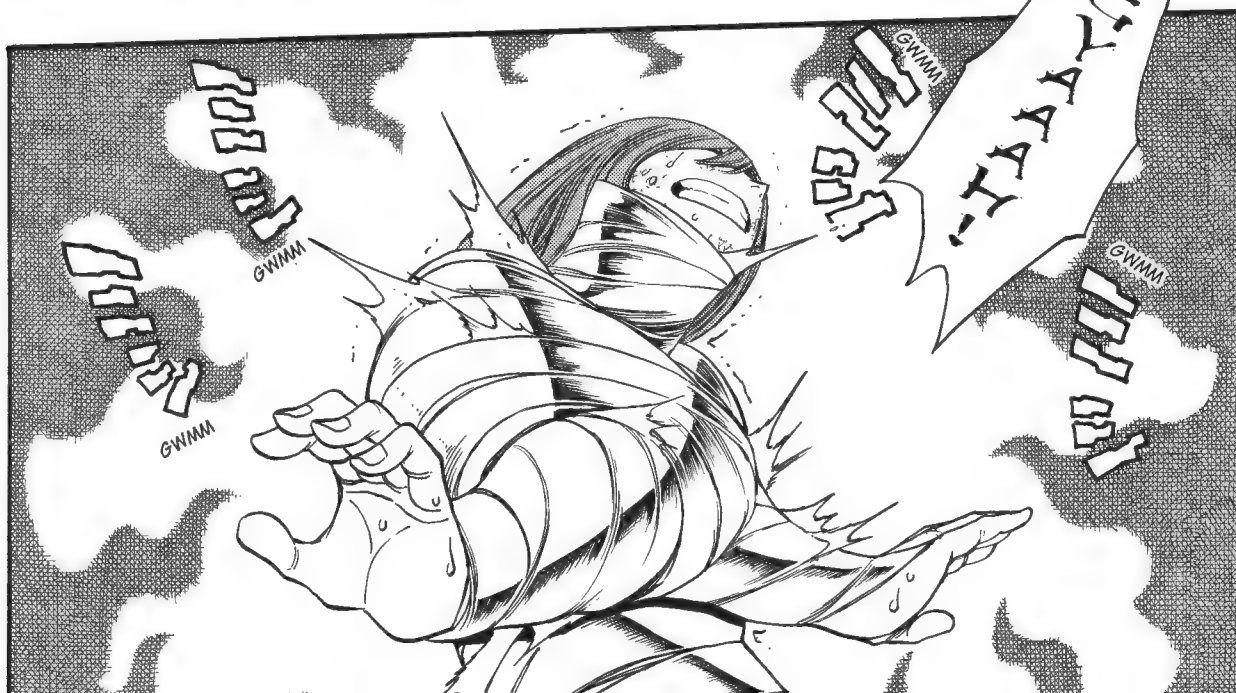
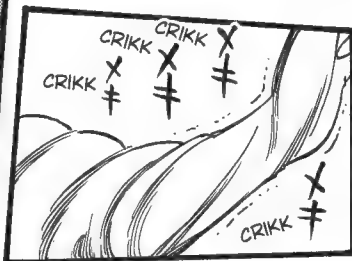
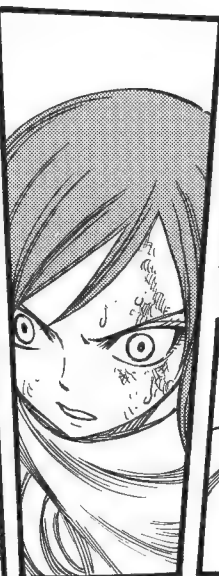
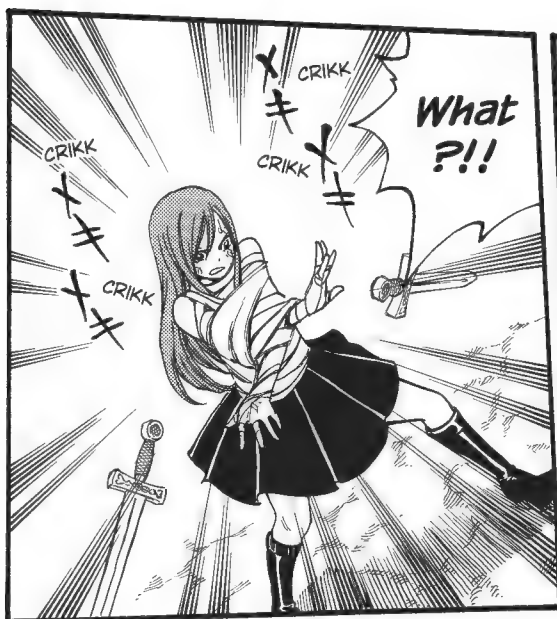


Is it  
already  
time for  
the main  
dish?

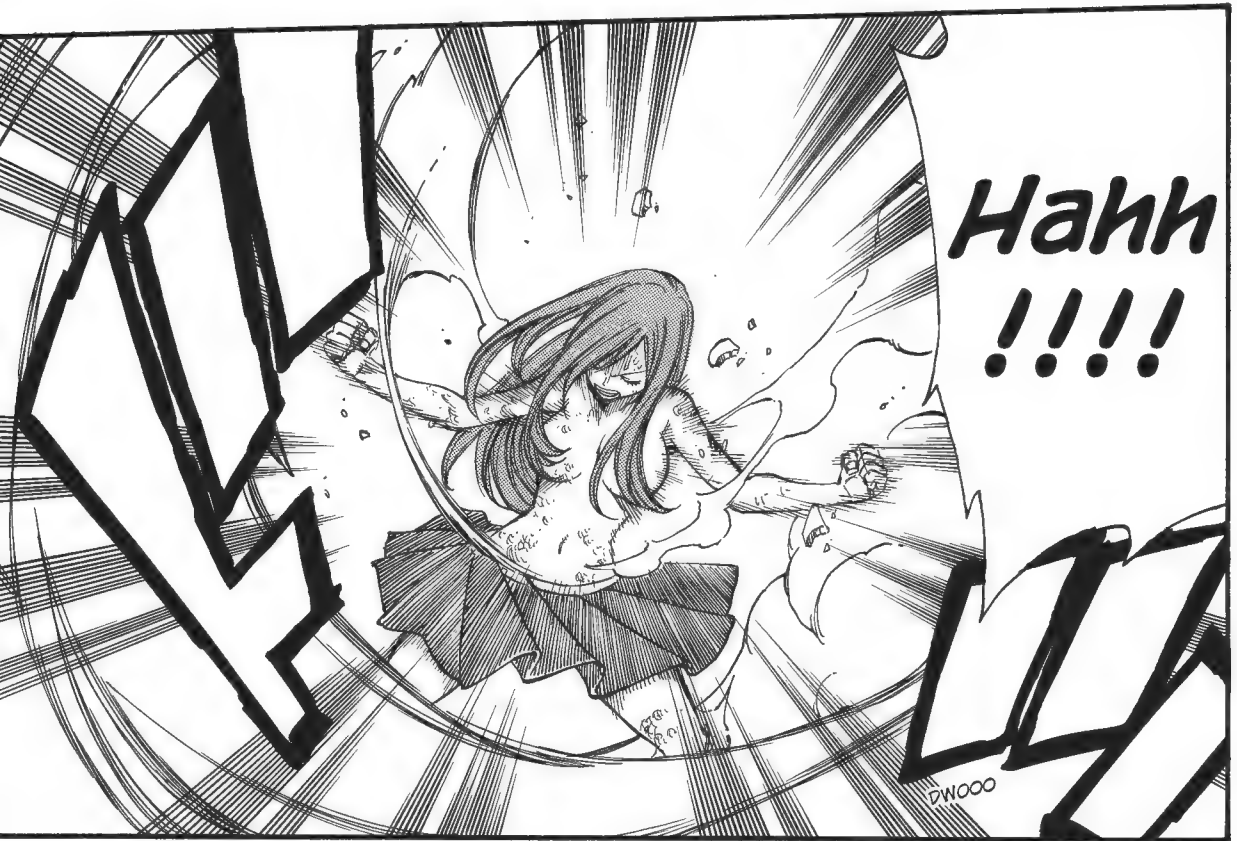














So  
that's  
your  
magic.

I see  
now.

DOOM



...can take  
anything and  
bend, twist,  
and mutilate  
it.

Yes... My  
*reflector*  
magic...





What  
terrible  
magic  
power  
...

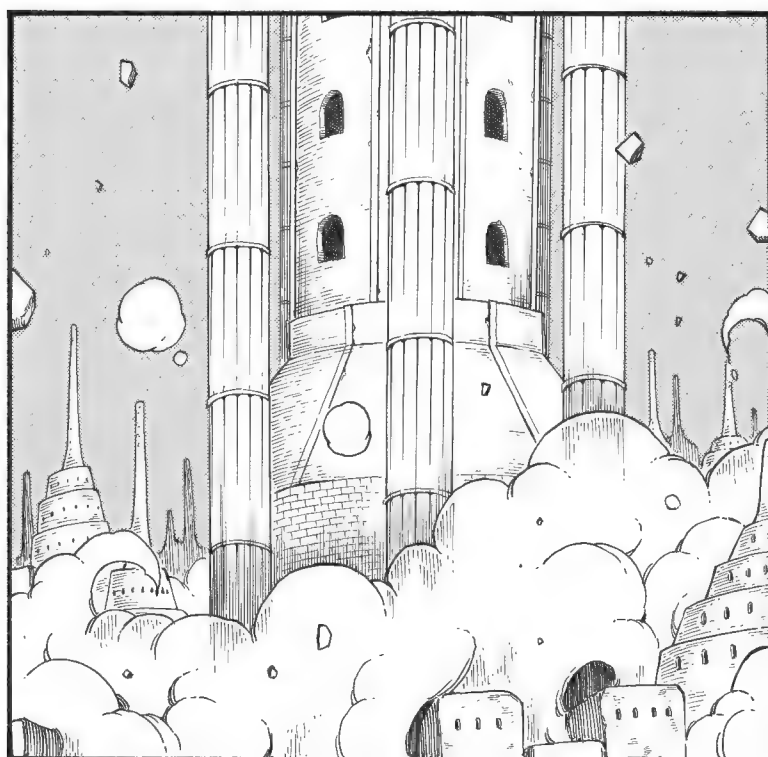


It can take  
magic and  
turn it  
back on its  
caster.

Plus, it  
can even  
bend light,  
creating  
mirages.



*Let's  
do  
this!*



Didn't you hear  
me? Magic  
doesn't have any  
effect on me.

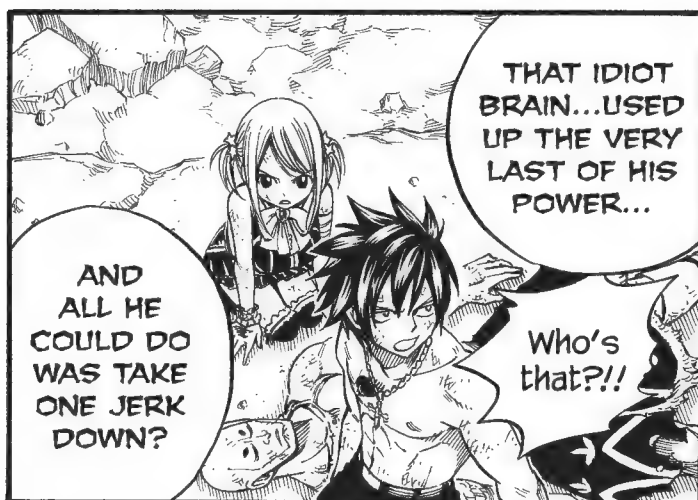




Don't you dare die on us, old guy!

What'll we do...? He's injured really bad!

Urk... It was just a trap!



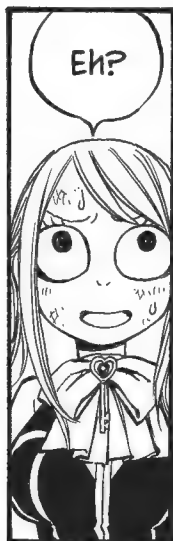
AND ALL HE COULD DO WAS TAKE ONE JERK DOWN?

THAT IDIOT BRAIN...USED UP THE VERY LAST OF HIS POWER...

Who's that?!!



YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.



Eh?



IT THROWS MUD ON THE NAME OF THE SIX DEMONS!

!! 777...  
HUUUUUU

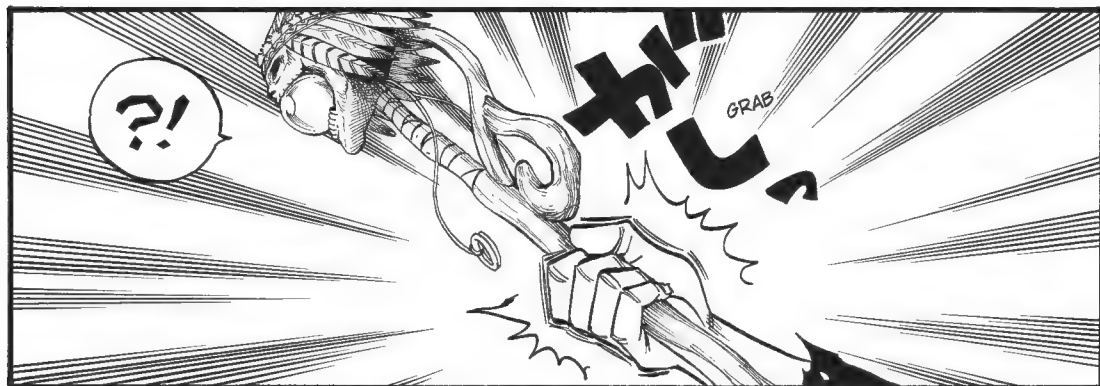
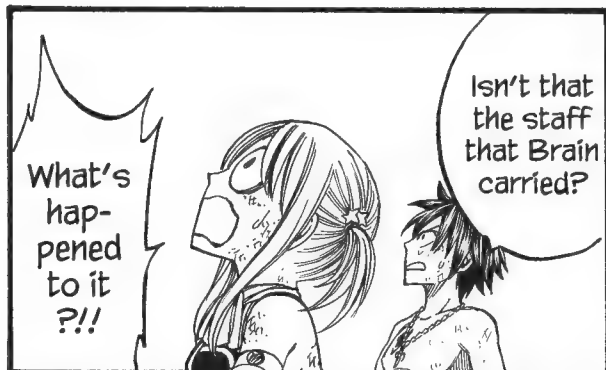
HOW PITIFUL CAN YOU GET?!



?!

There !!!





Stop this city thing, you stick!!!

Wait!! We don't know what that thing is!

GAH!! OW! OW! OW! OW!

Take that, and that, and that, and that

!!!!

GAH!! OW! OW! OW! OW!

STOP-IT-AL-READY!!!

I AM THE SEVENTH OF THE ORACIÓN SEIS!

I'VE BEEN AWAKENED TO FINISH YOU CLODS O-!

HYUPP!

!!

Wait... Are we just going to accept the fact that a staff is talking?

If Seis means "Six," then why's there a seventh?

It's hard to decide what to complain about.





IT'S BEST  
TO START BY  
THROWING  
OUT THE  
TRASH.

THAT GUILD  
SHOULD  
BE COMING  
INTO SIGHT  
SOON.



YOU  
BRATS ARE  
WAY TOO  
VIOLENT...



WE CAN'T  
REALLY GET  
STARTED  
UNTIL WE  
STAMP THAT  
PLACE OUT!

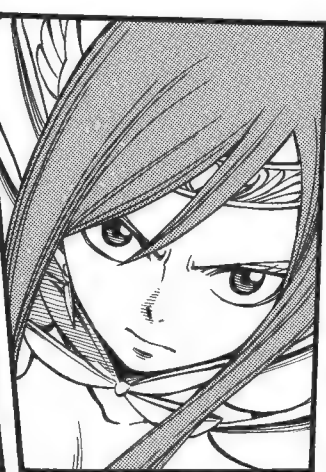
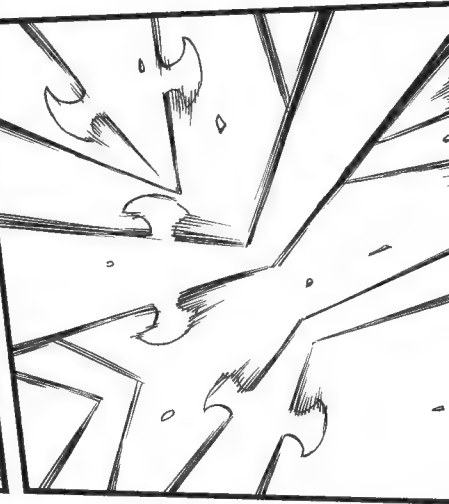
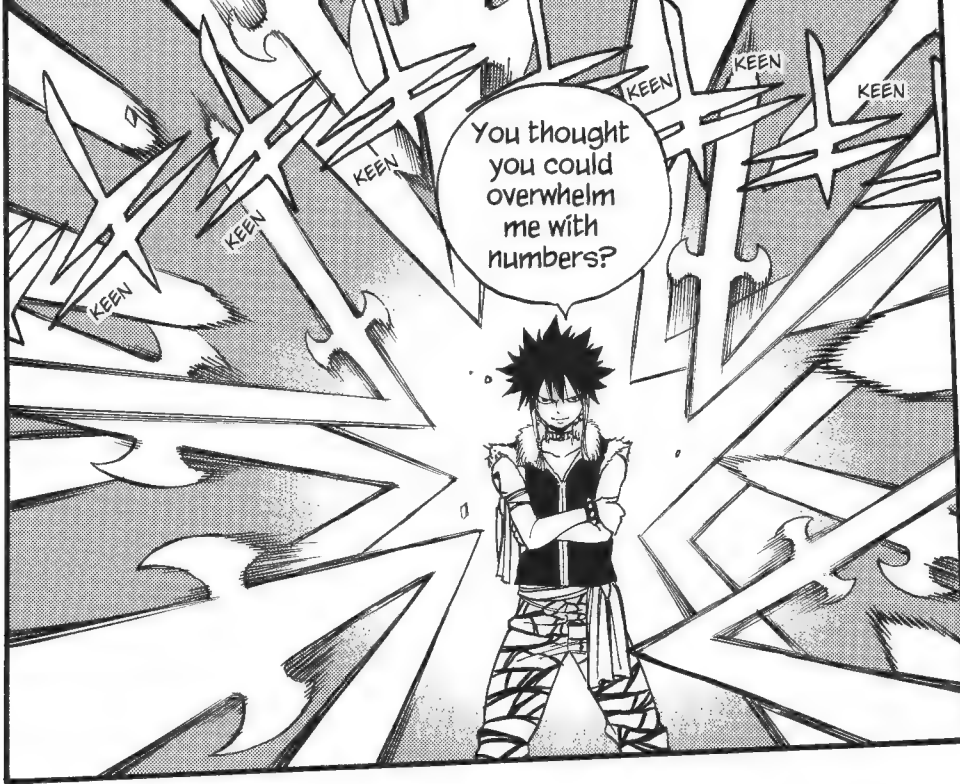
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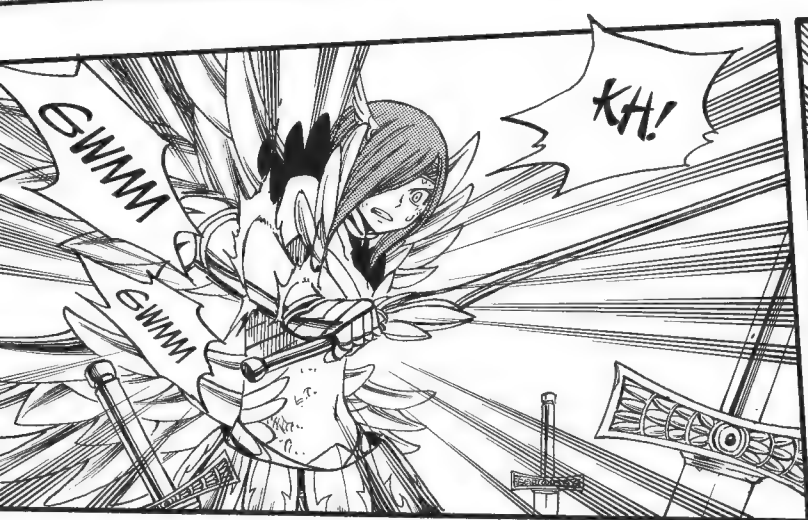
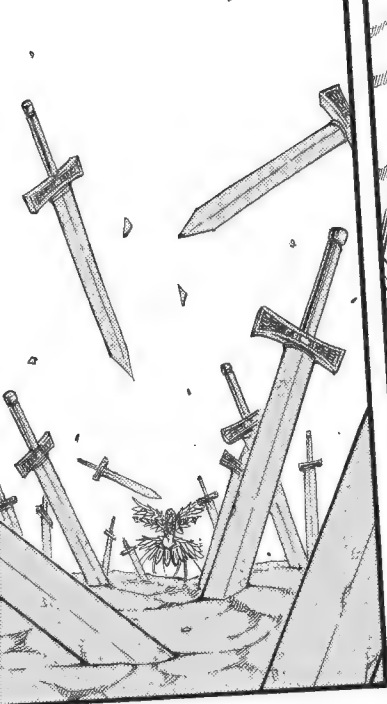
You're  
talking  
about Cait  
Shelter?!



Dance,  
my  
blades  
!!!!









Now  
that face  
is just  
exquisite.



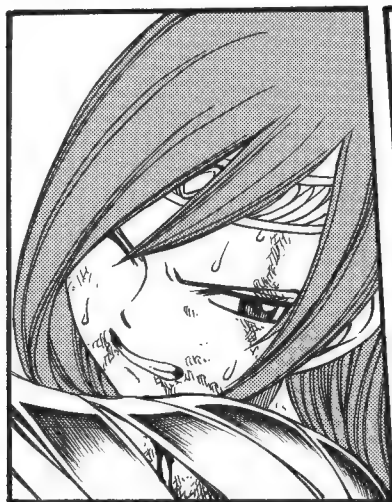
Aaaa!

Aaaa!



VWOOO

Hyah!



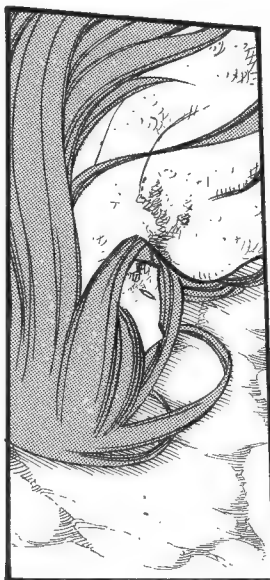
VWOOM

I should  
have  
expected  
that.

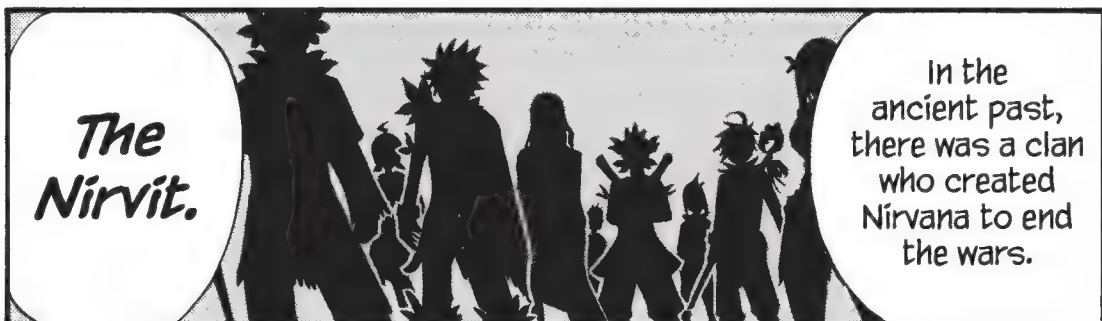
SWIP



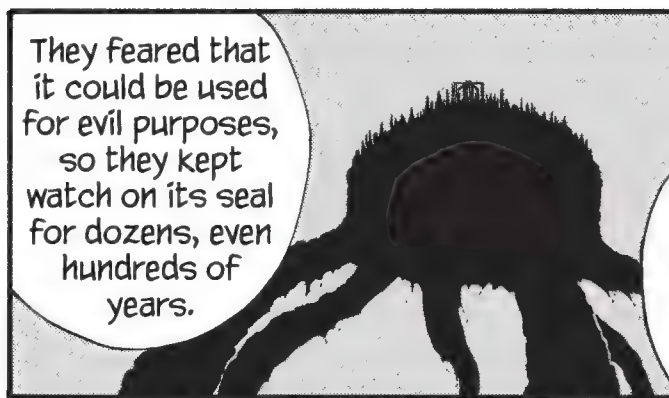








They feared that it could be used for evil purposes, so they kept watch on its seal for dozens, even hundreds of years.



So they sealed away the very magic that they themselves created.

But Nirvana turned out to be even more dangerous than the Nirvit expected.

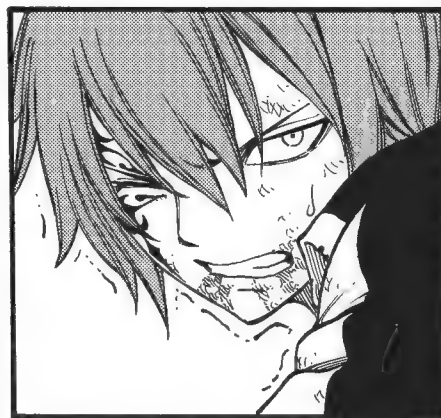


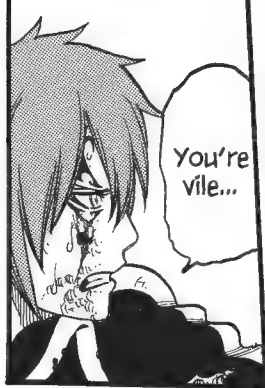
**And that's Cait Shelter.**

**They formed a magic guild that only allowed members of the Nirvit to join.**









You're vile...



Doesn't it just give you the shivers ?!!



By the power of Nirvana, their hearts will be plunged into darkness, causing them all to slaughter each other !!!!



Your soul is more steeped in darkness than mine!

You're a dirty, ruinous, evil man.



Quit pretending to be so righteous, Jellal.



You murdered your friends ...

...and even attempted to murder Erza!

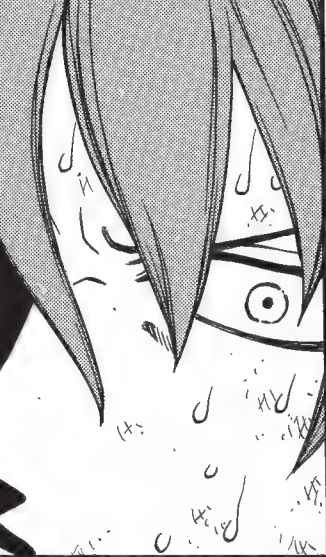
Yes, you are!

You took children and put them into forced labor!



N-No, I'm...





How many people have you shocked, frightened... and made to shed rivers of tears?

Can you even guess how many human beings you drove to despair?



Come to me, Jellal!

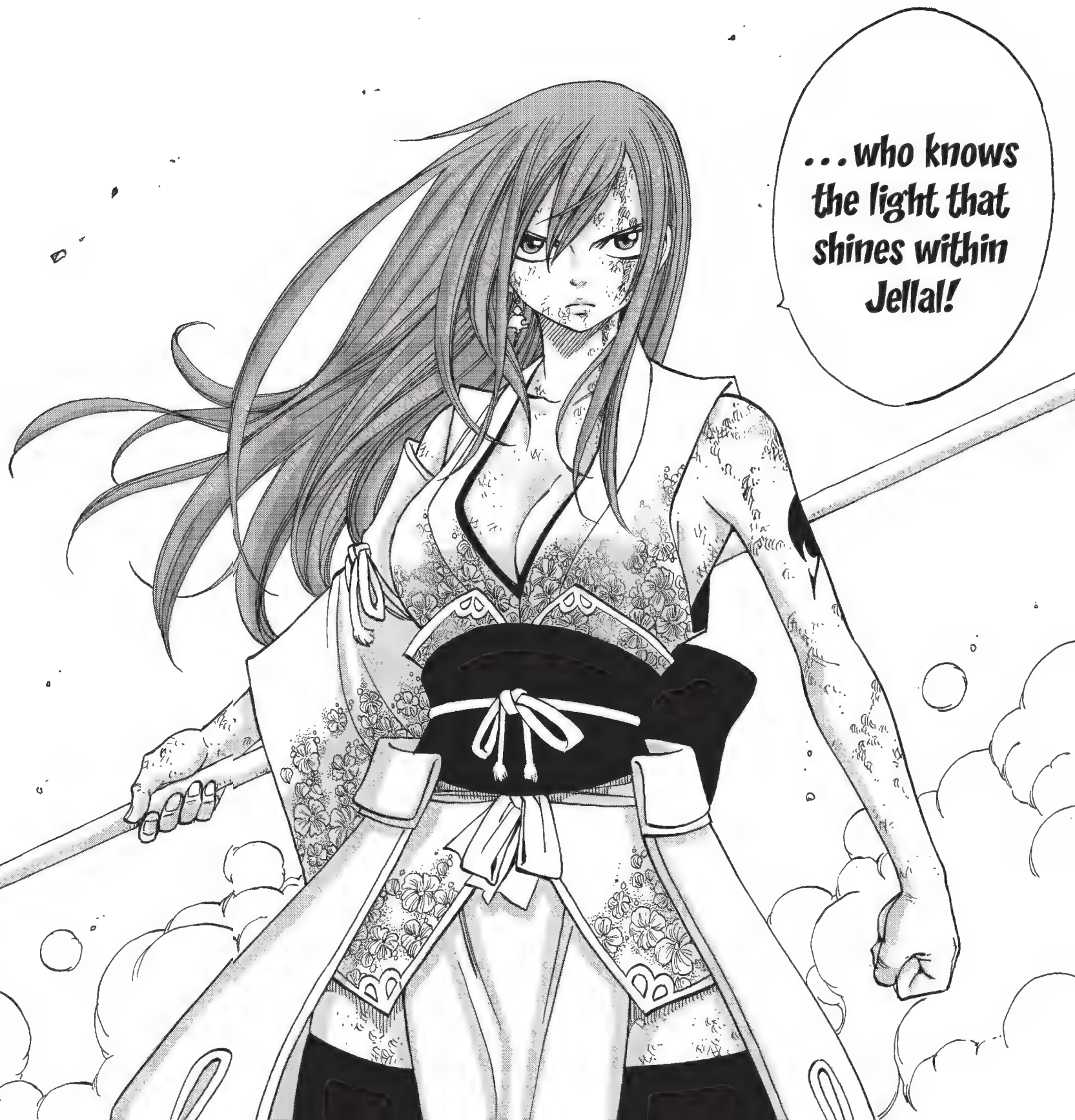
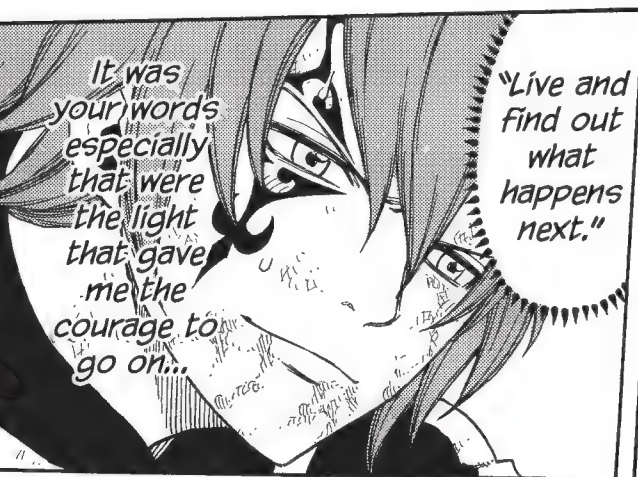
You are a perfect candidate for a new Oración Seis!



I am one...











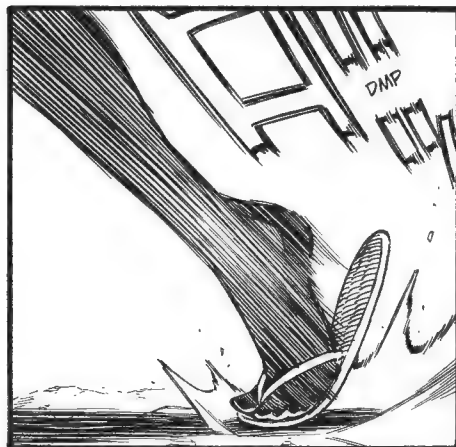
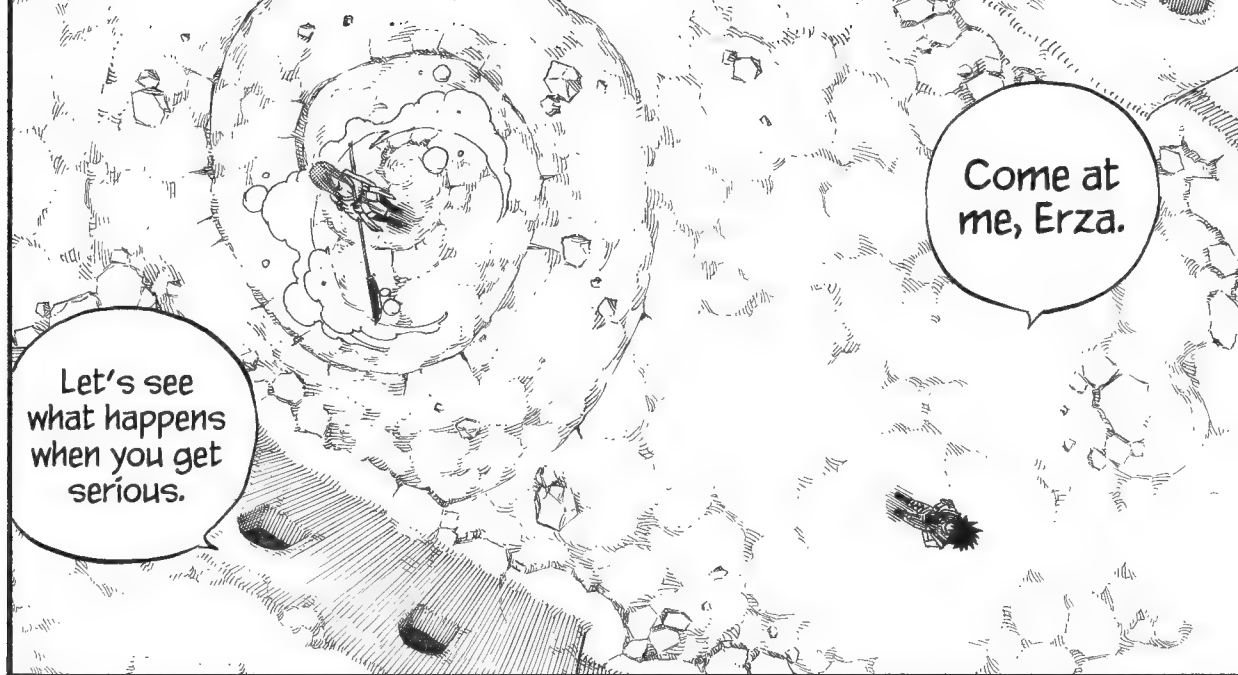
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## Chapter 155: Last Man





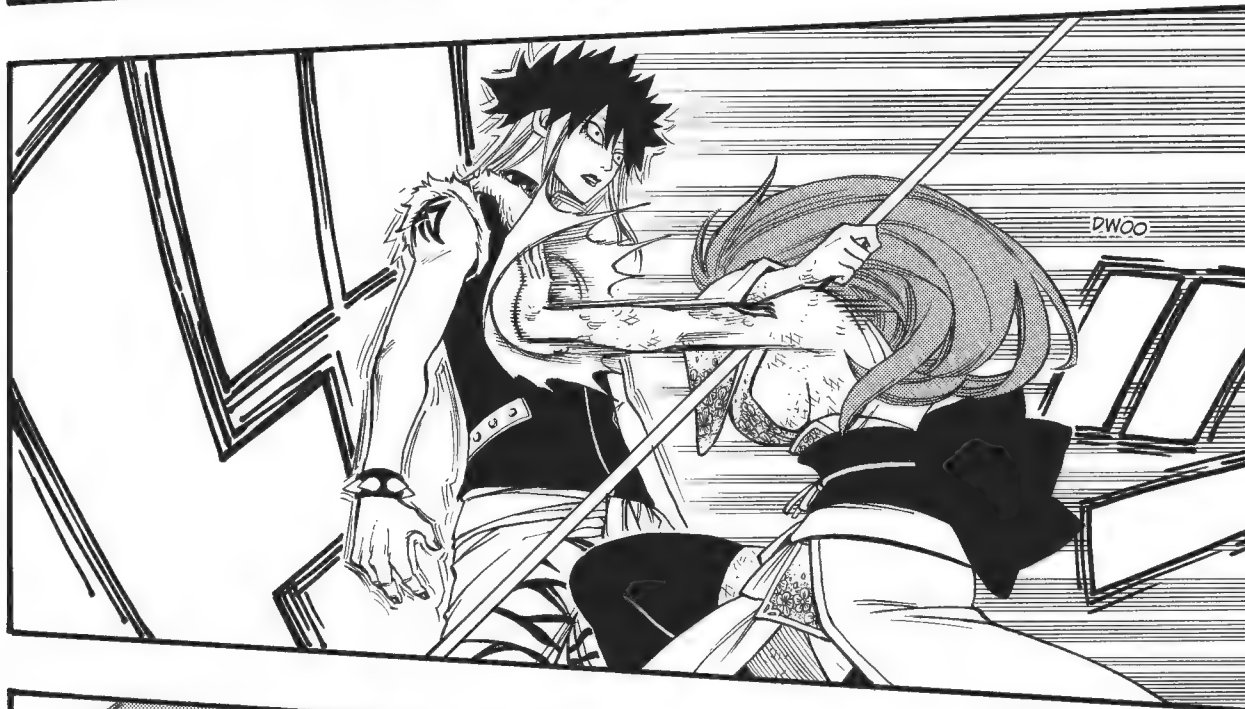


Move as fast as you like. It won't break through my Reflector.



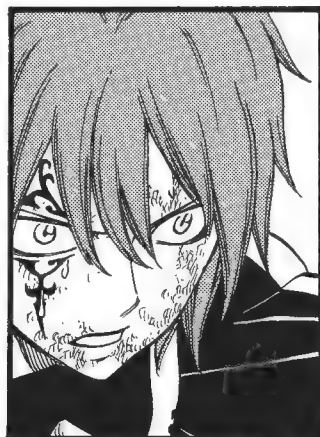
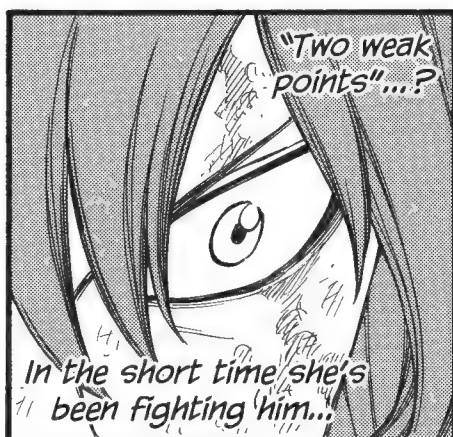
She's fast !!!



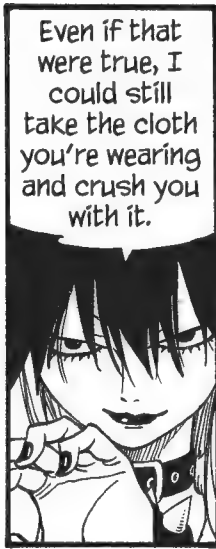






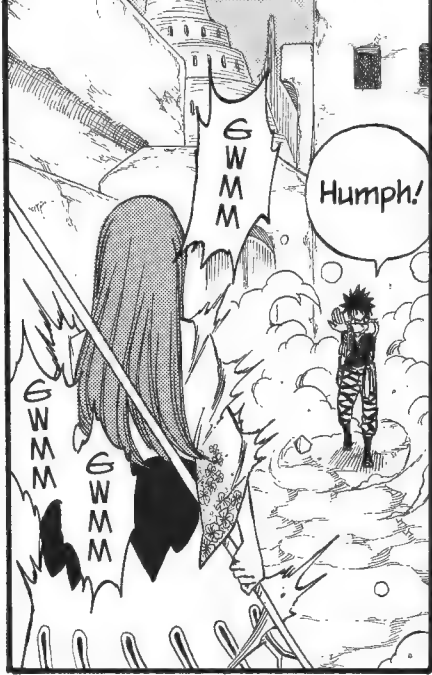


Even if that were true, I could still take the cloth you're wearing and crush you with it.

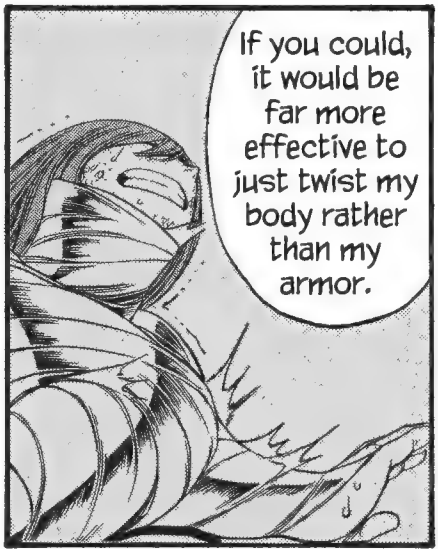


GWMM

Humph!



If you could, it would be far more effective to just twist my body rather than my armor.



And the second is this.



GWMM

GWMM

GWMM

GWMM

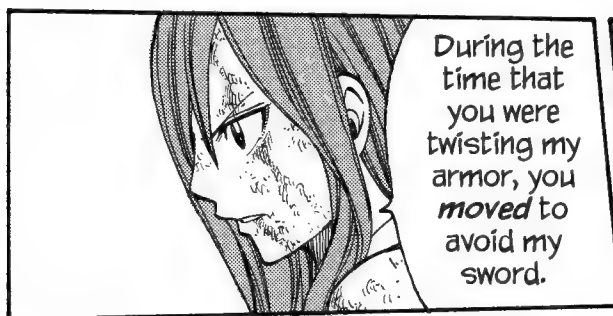


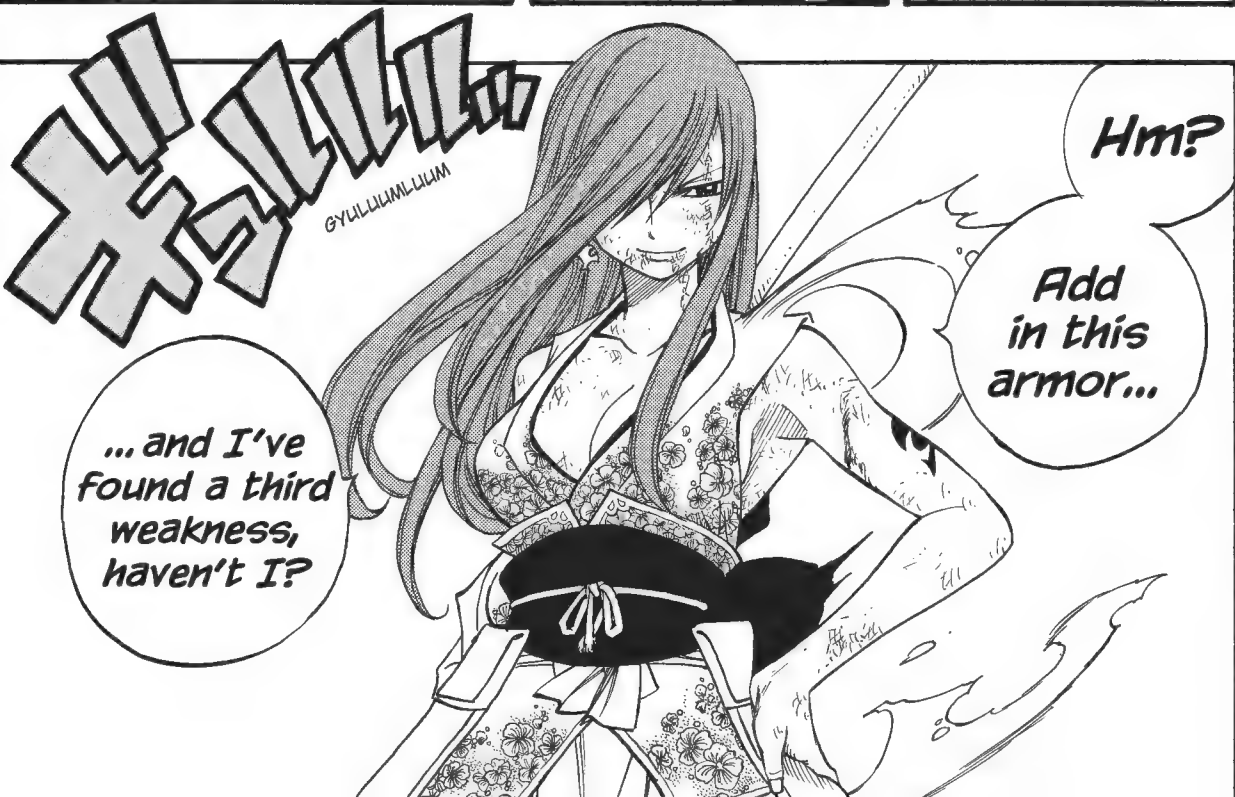
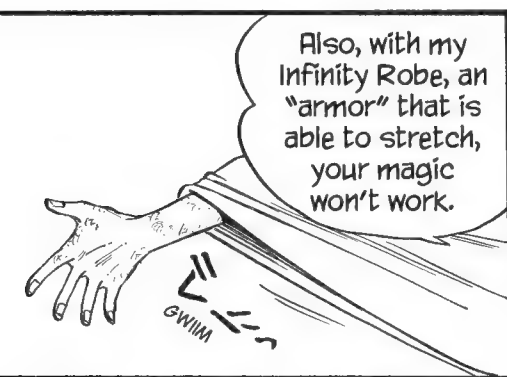
KEEEEEEN

!!!

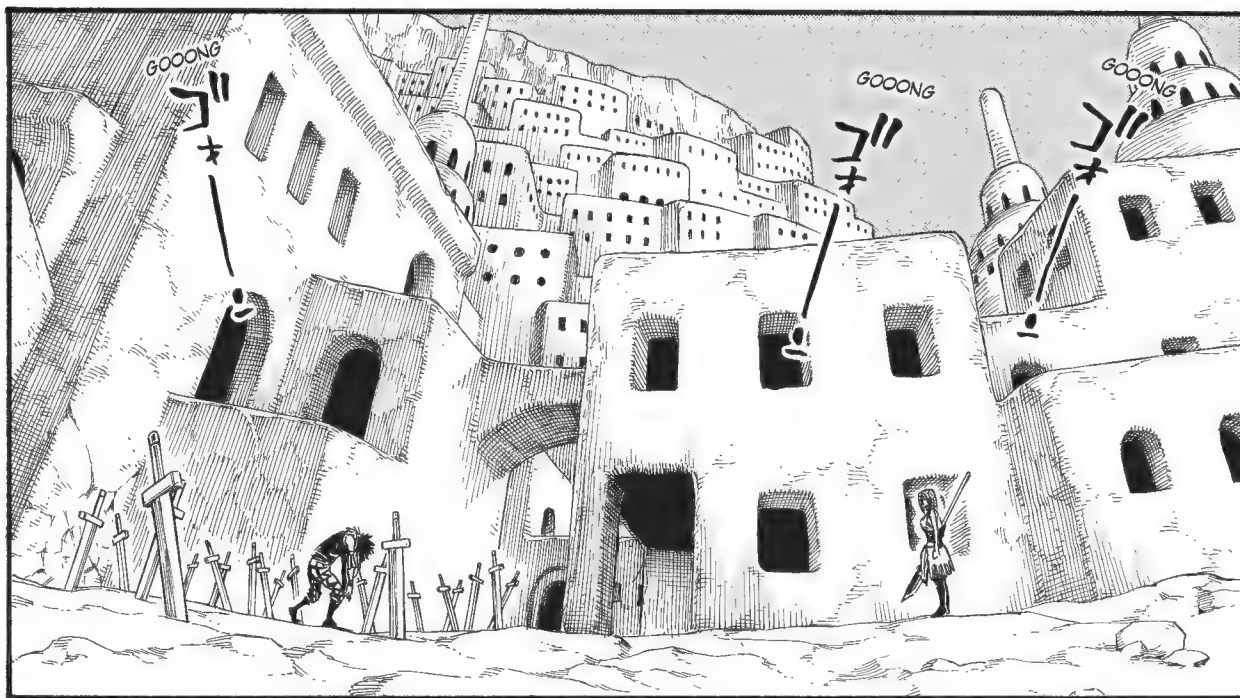
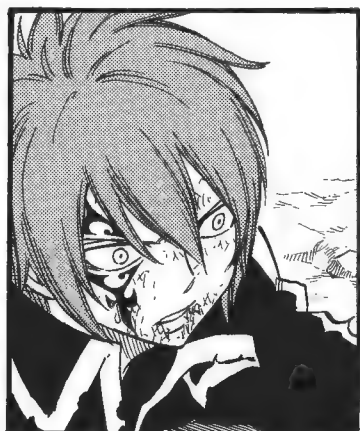
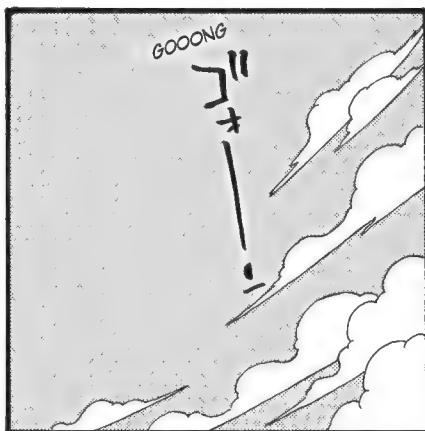
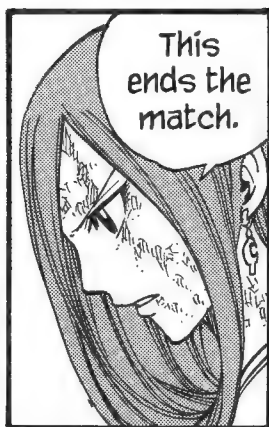


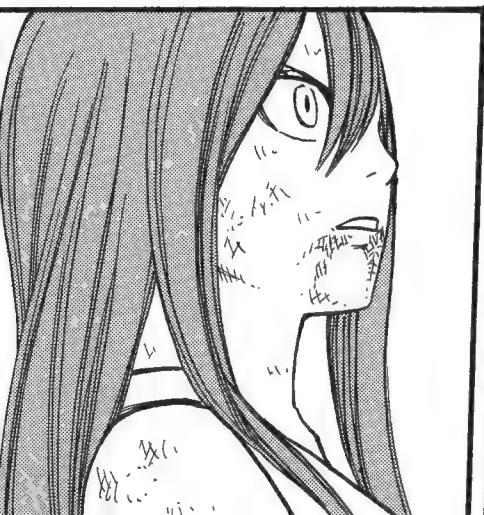
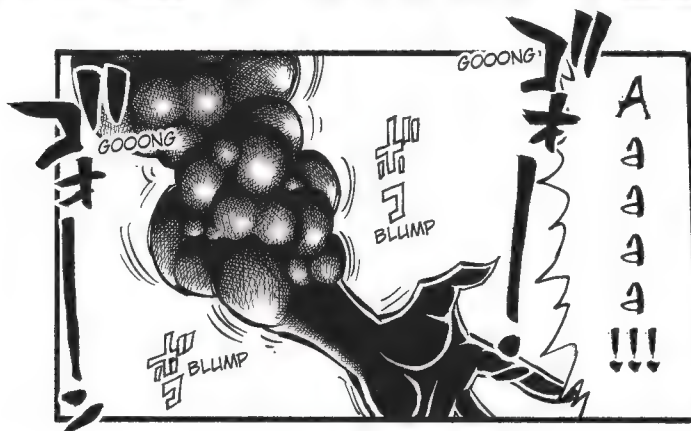














HA HA  
HA HA  
HA HA  
HA HA  
HA!!!!

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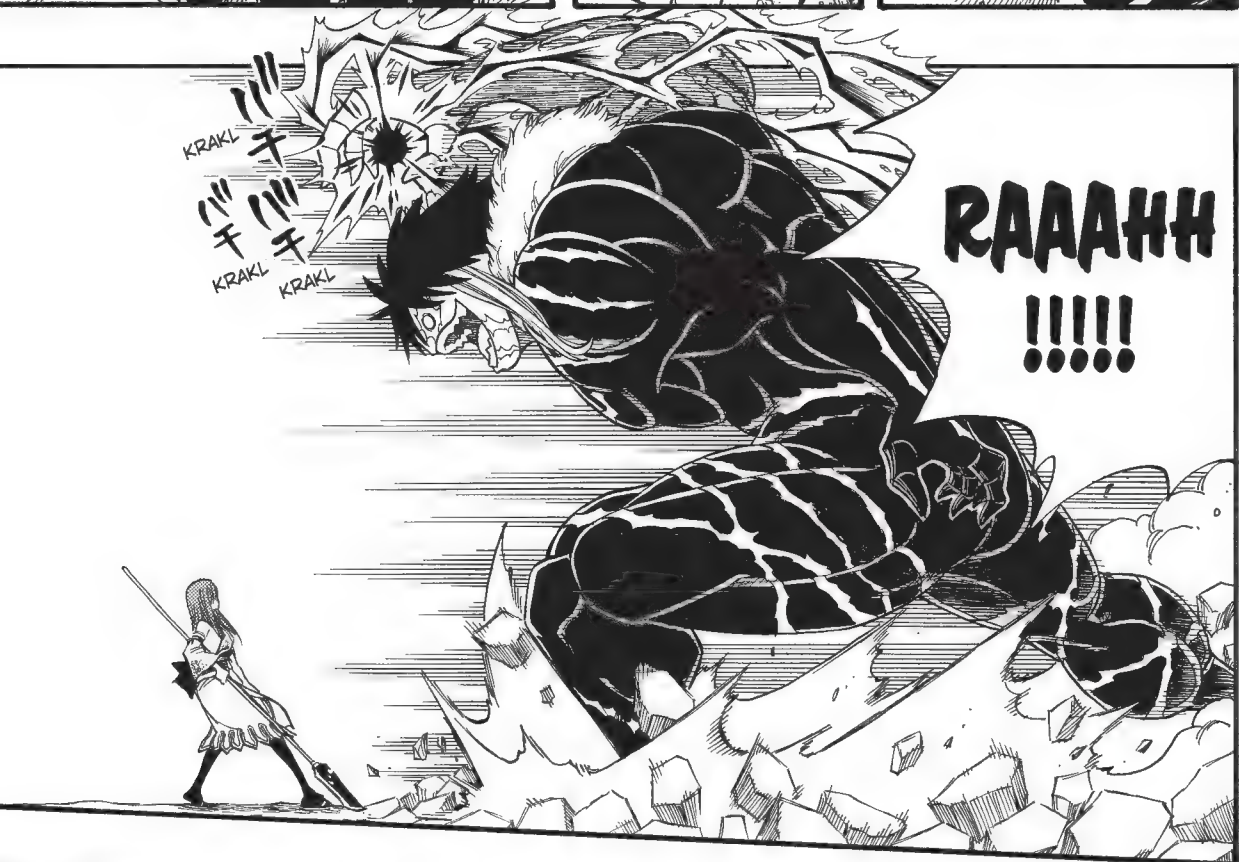
GM



No  
telling  
what  
comes  
next!



Wha  
-?!!



KRAKL  
KRAKL  
KRAKL  
KRAKL

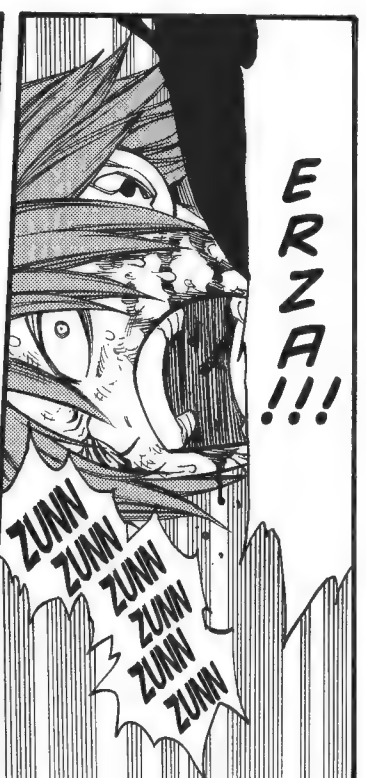
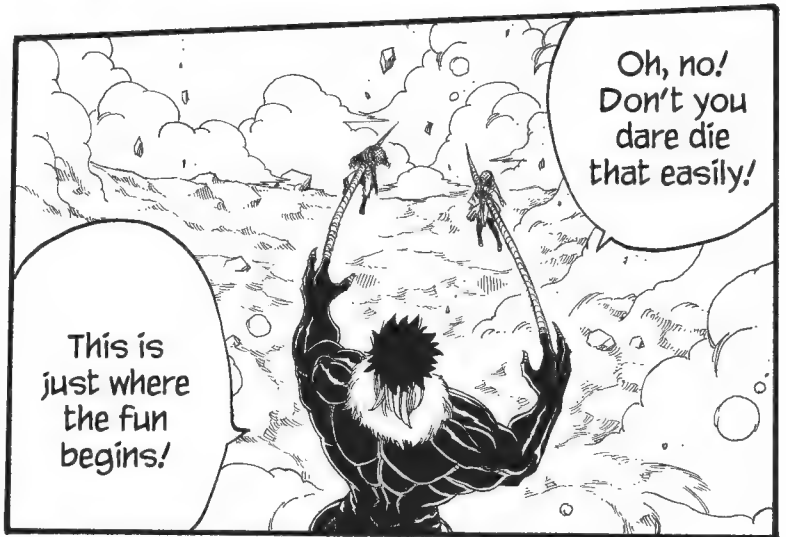
RAAAHH  
!!!!



KRAKK



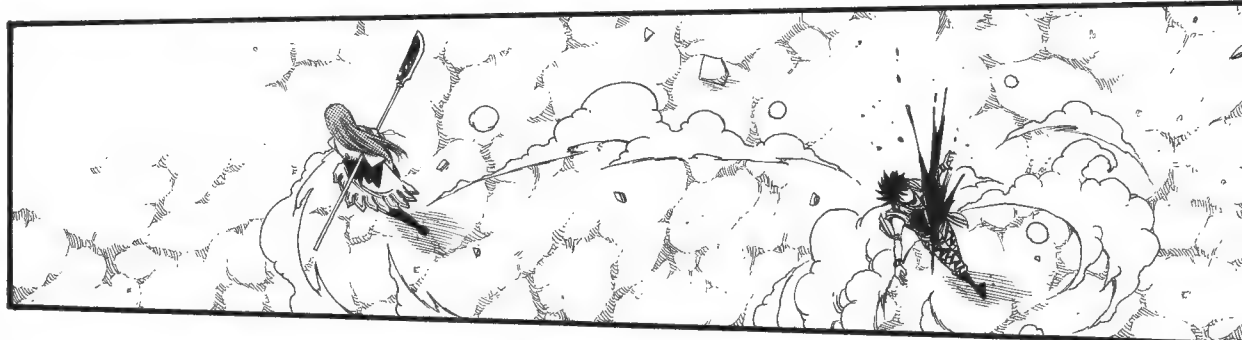
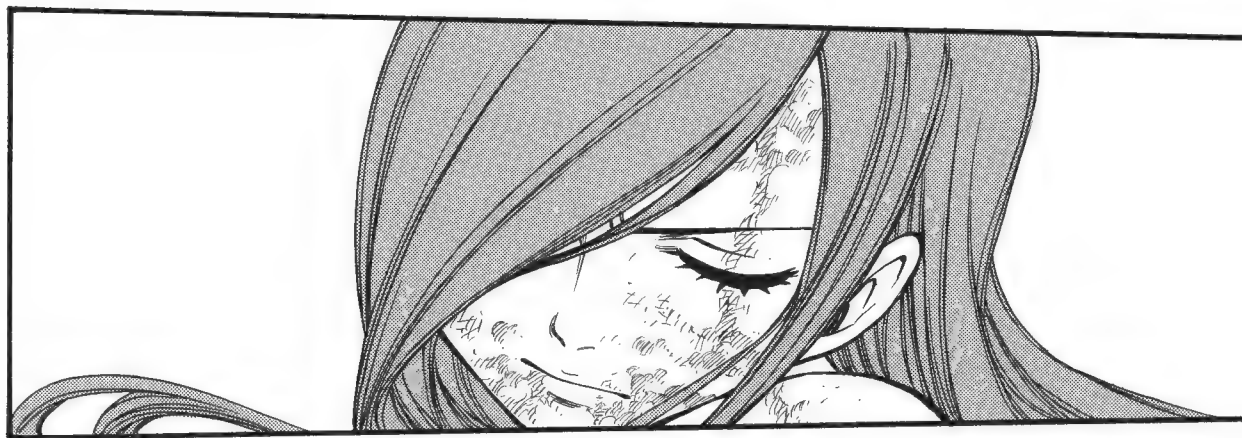






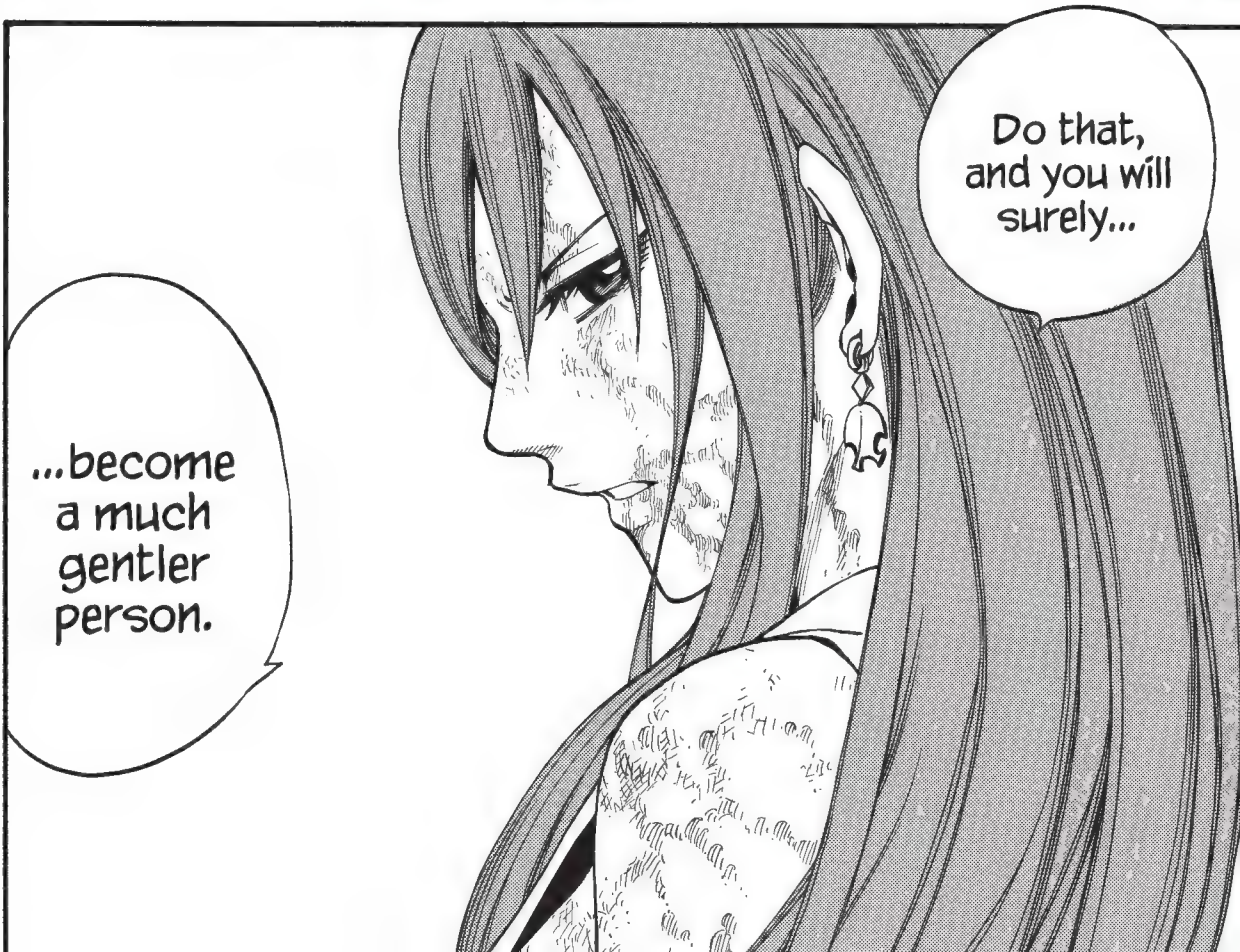














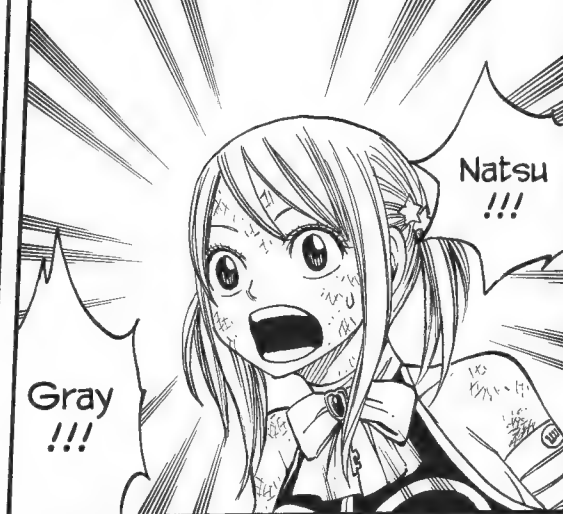
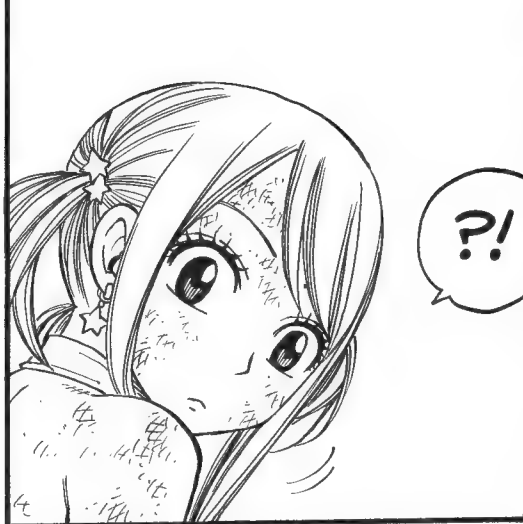
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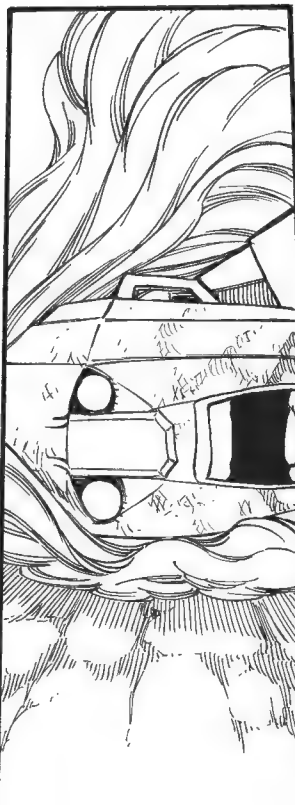
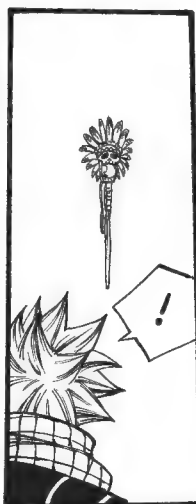
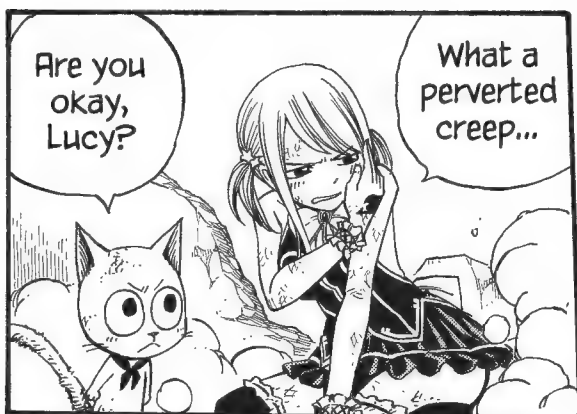


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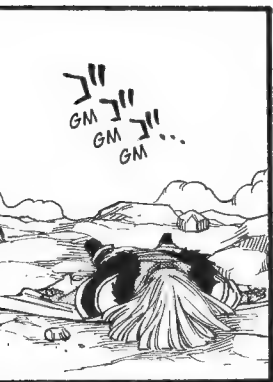
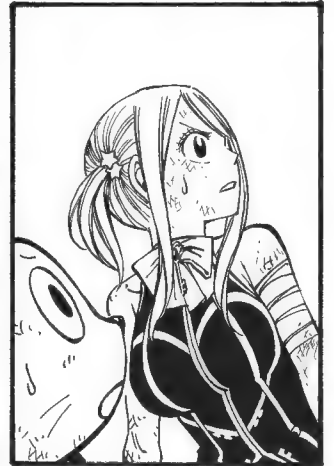
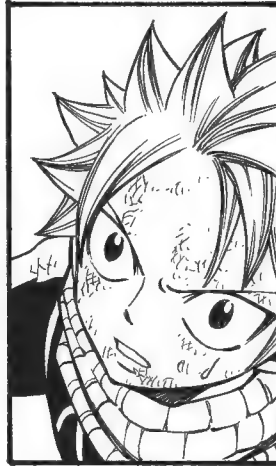
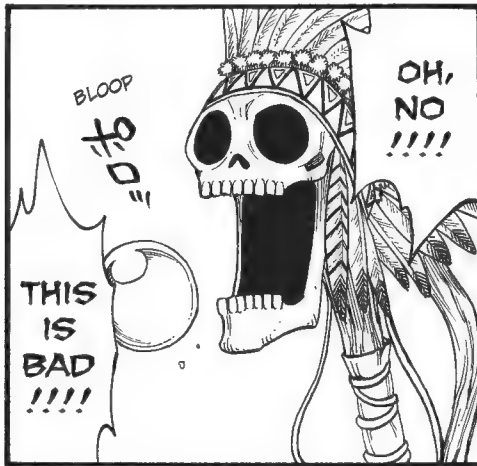
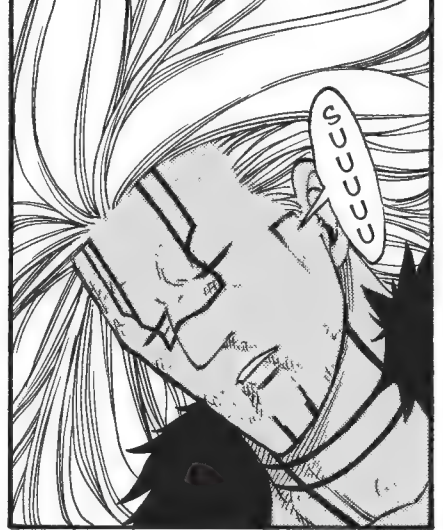






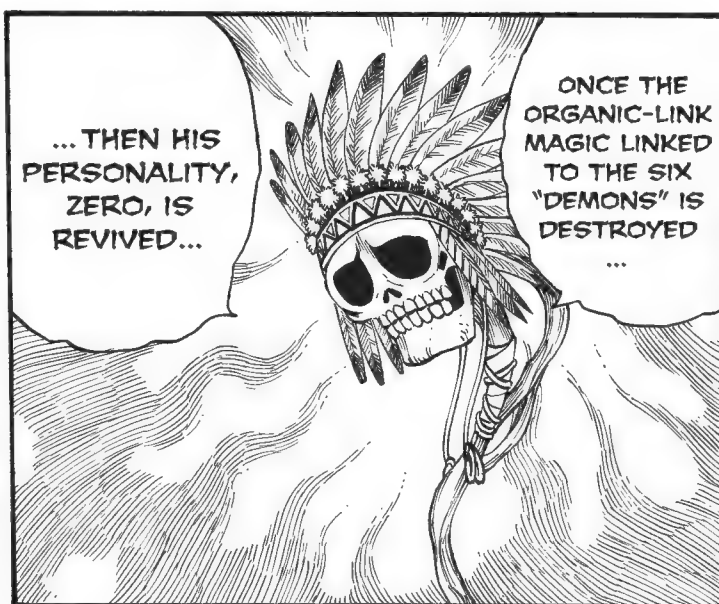
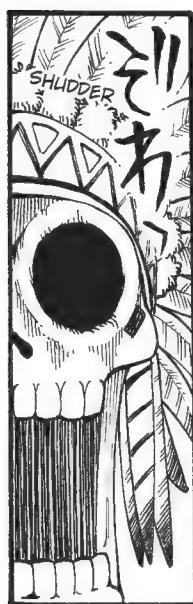
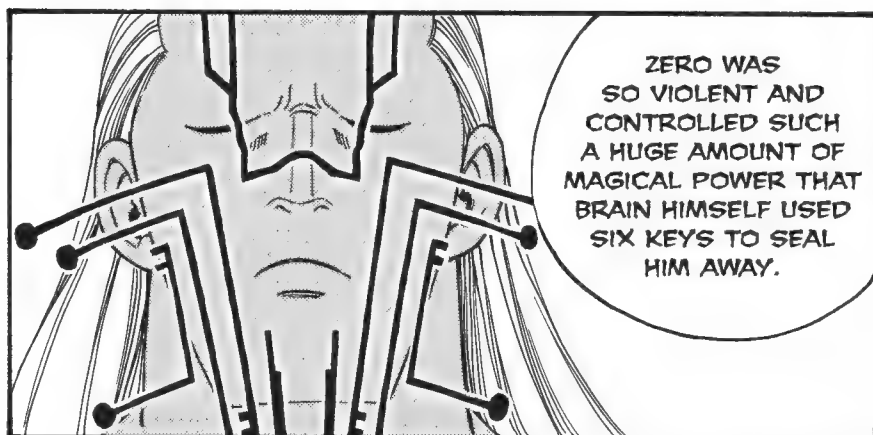
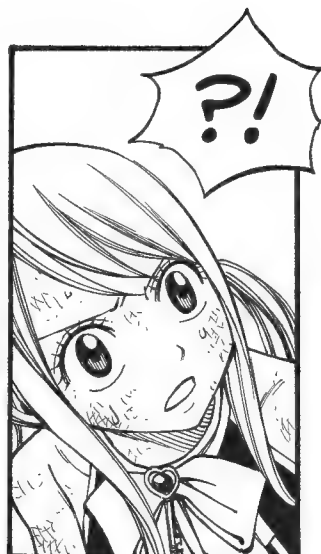
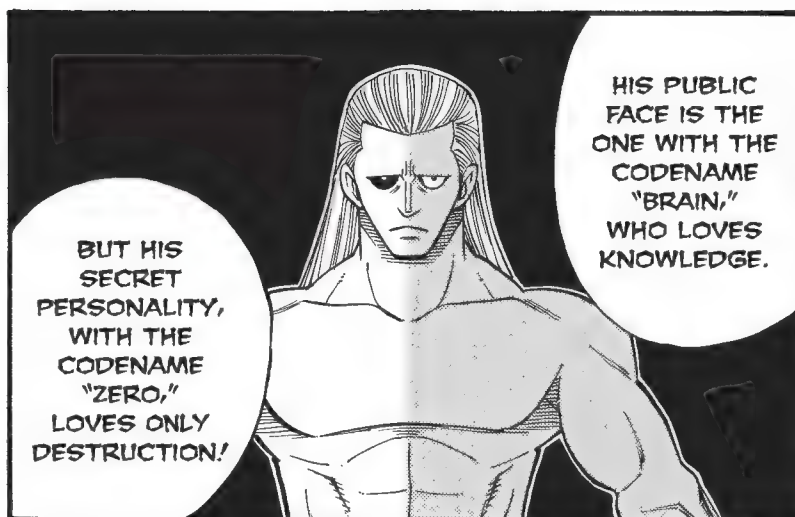


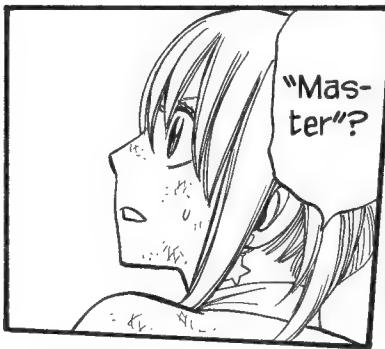
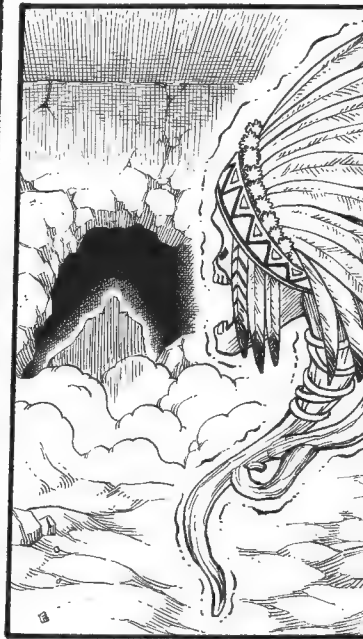
























But I suppose... I should first take care of the baldy who managed to hurt Brain's body...



It doesn't make much difference whether my enemy can move or not.



Are you gonna attack an enemy that can't fight back, you creep?!!!



I'll eliminate him!

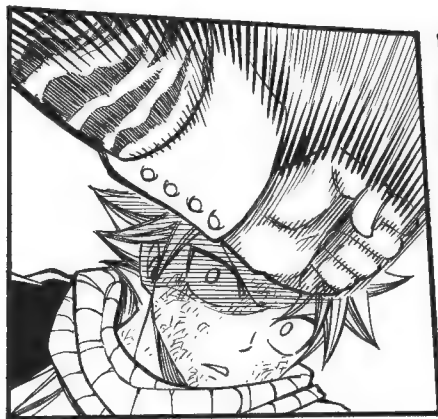


As long as it has form, I enjoy destroying it !!!!











You're kidding ...



I'm scared ...

My body... can't even move...



SST





EH?



They  
aren't  
dead  
yet.

YOU  
FINISHED  
OFF THOSE  
PESTERING  
BRATS SO  
EASILY...



TH-  
THAT'S  
OUR  
MASTER  
ZERO FOR  
YOU!!!!

SO  
EXTREME-  
LY WELL  
DONE!!!!

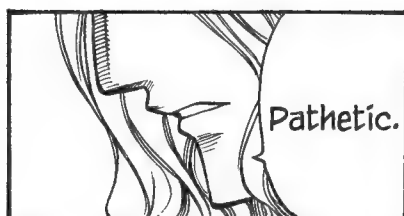


After  
all, I  
can  
still see  
what  
you  
look  
like,  
right  
?!!

You  
aren't  
dead yet,  
are you,  
brats?!!!





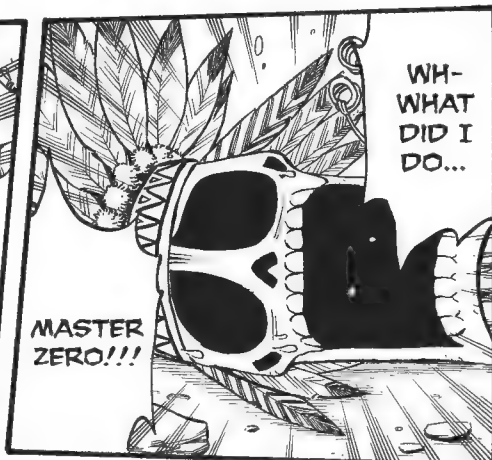




I said  
it's  
pathetic  
!!!!



AGAH!



MASTER  
ZERO!!!

WH-  
WHAT  
DID I  
DO...

Destroy  
anything  
and  
every-  
thing!!!!

I just  
want to  
destroy  
!!!!



**It's solid,  
and I can  
see it!!!!  
That's why  
I want to  
destroy  
it!!!!**



**And  
this is the  
very first  
shot!!!! I  
don't need  
a reason  
!!!!**



**NIRVANA,  
FIRE  
!!!!**

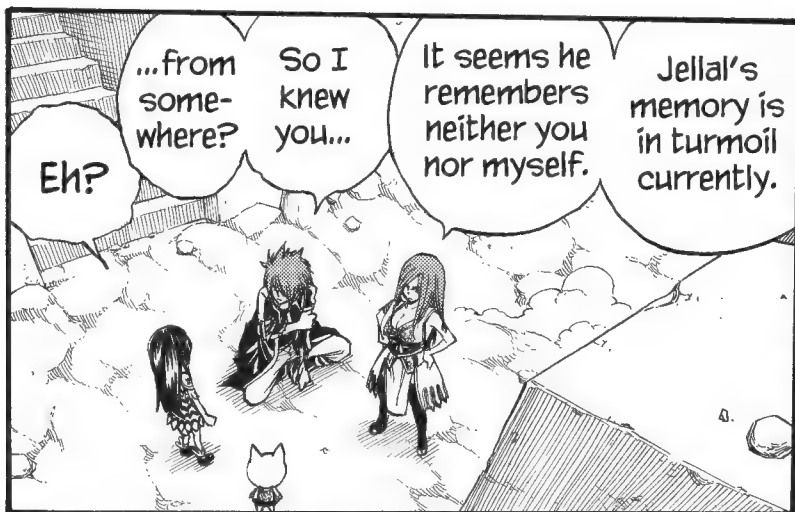
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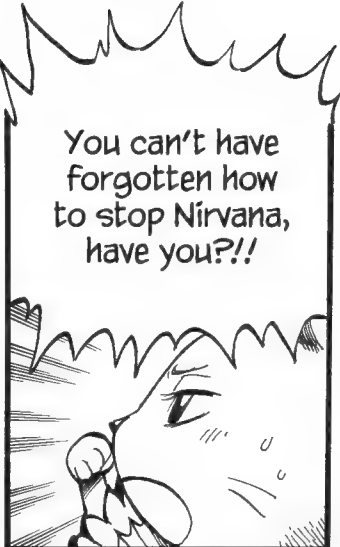
**Chapter 157: From Heaven's Steed to the Fairies**







My square of self destruction won't work anymore ...



You can't have forgotten how to stop Nirvana, have you?!!

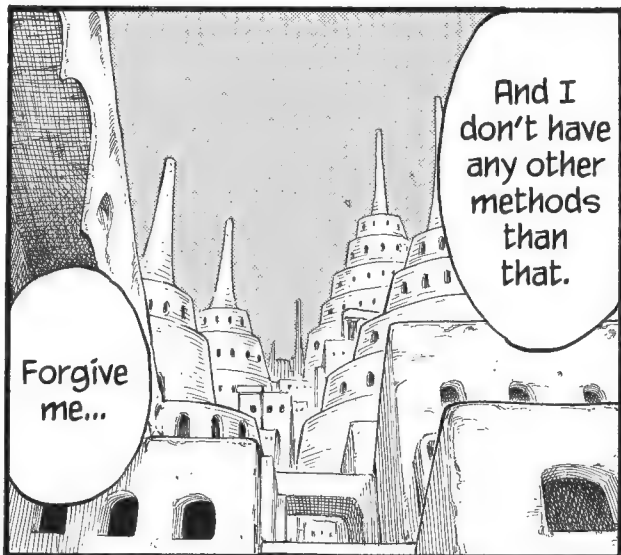


His memory ...?!

Oh, I see! Then...

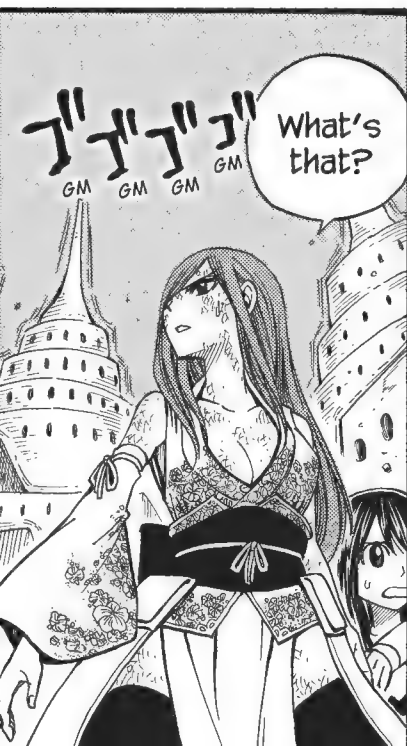


You're kidding...



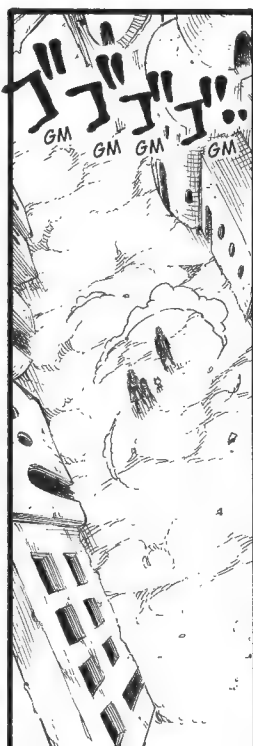
And I don't have any other methods than that.

Forgive me...



GM GM GM GM

What's that?

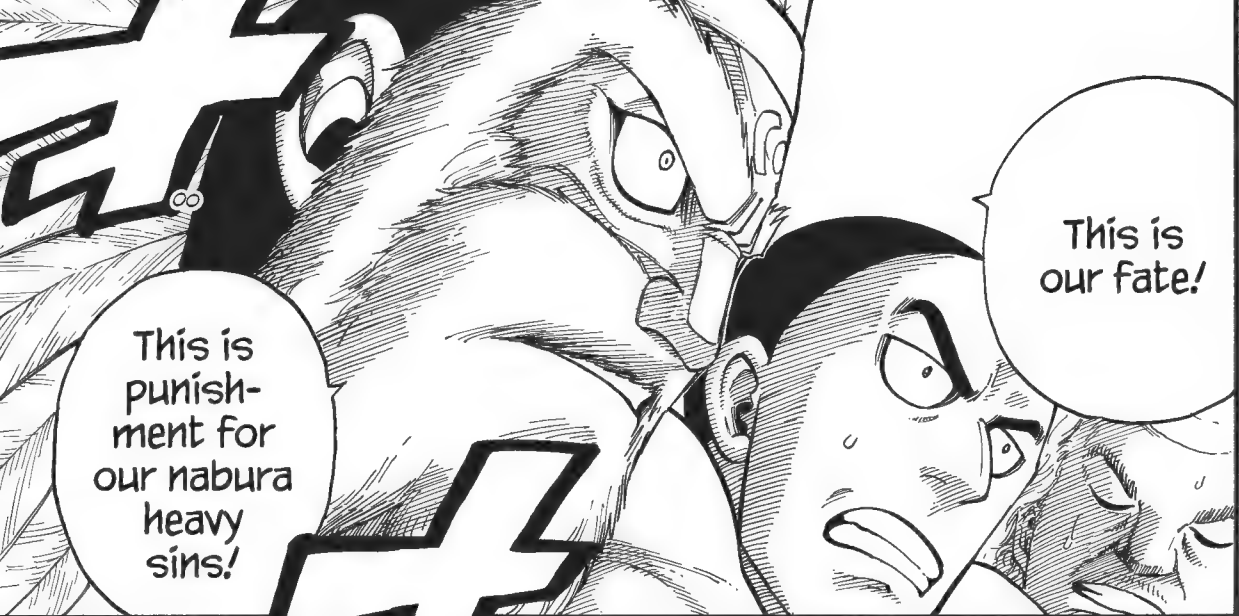


We're almost upon it right now!!!!

Then what's supposed to happen to our guild?!!!

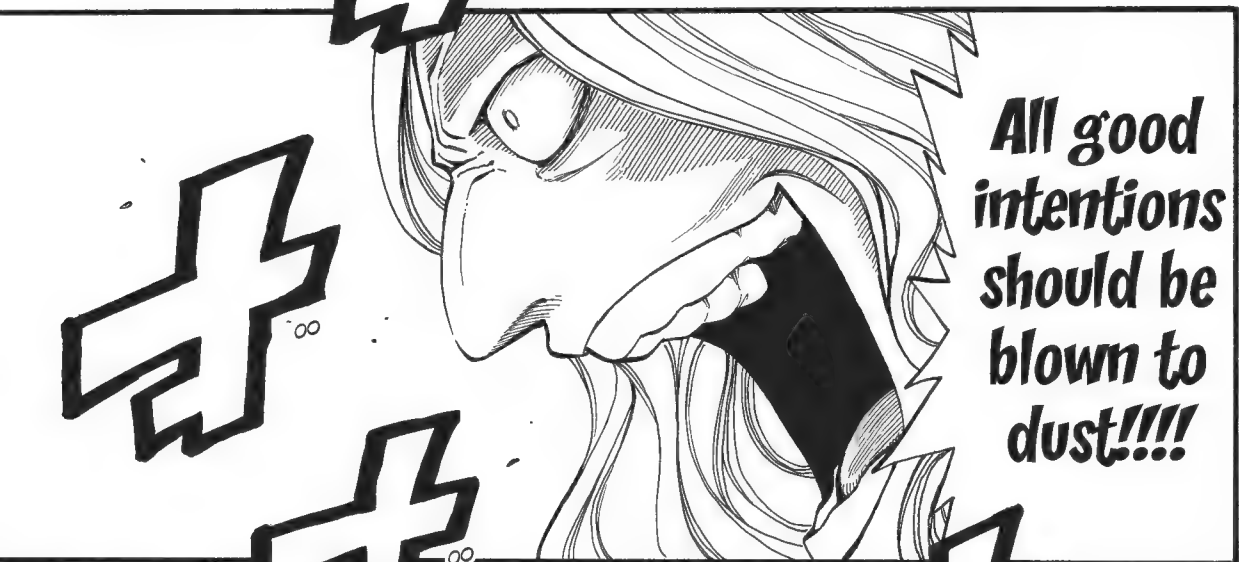






This is punishment for our nabura heavy sins!

This is our fate!



**All good intentions should be blown to dust!!!!**

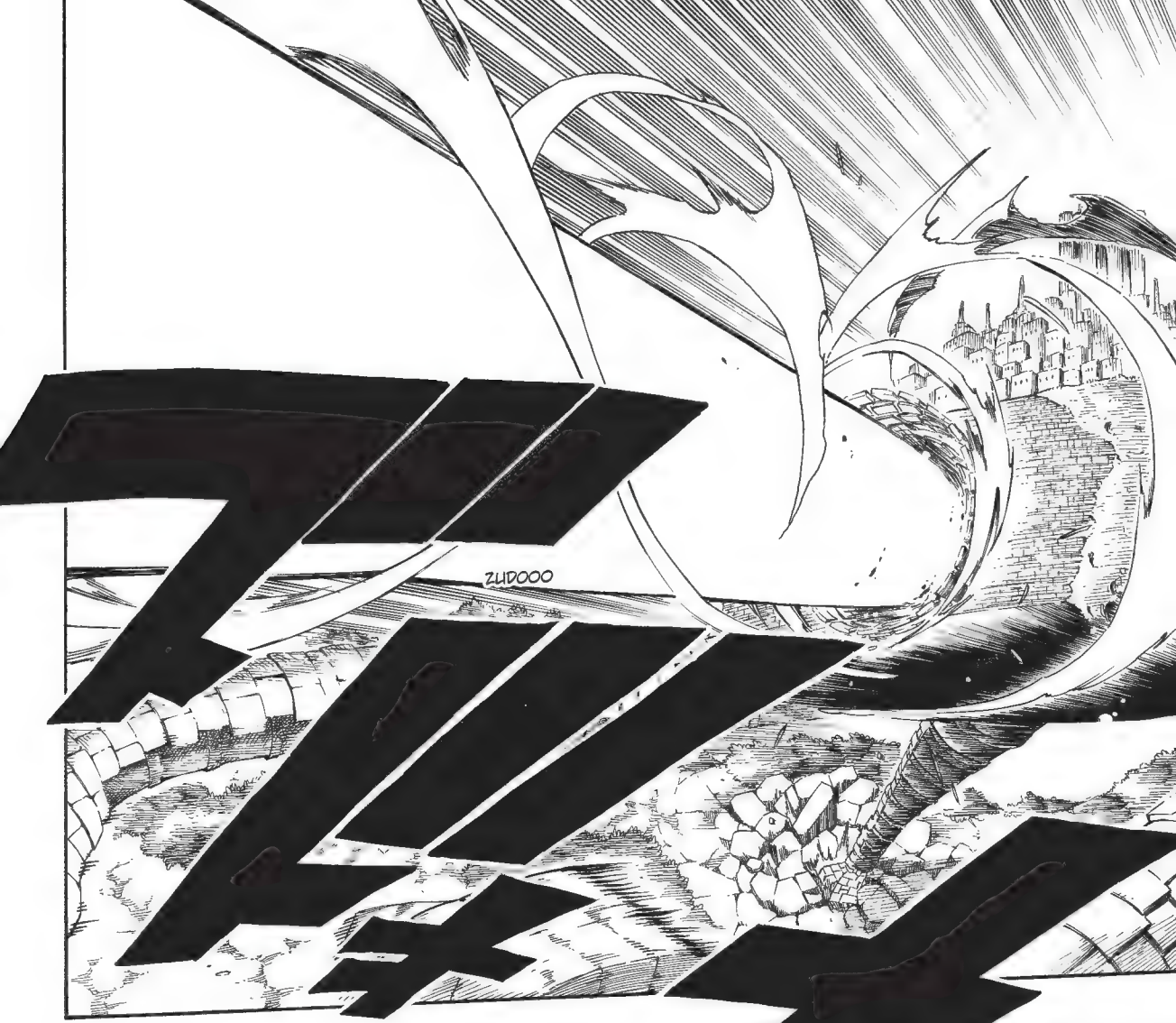


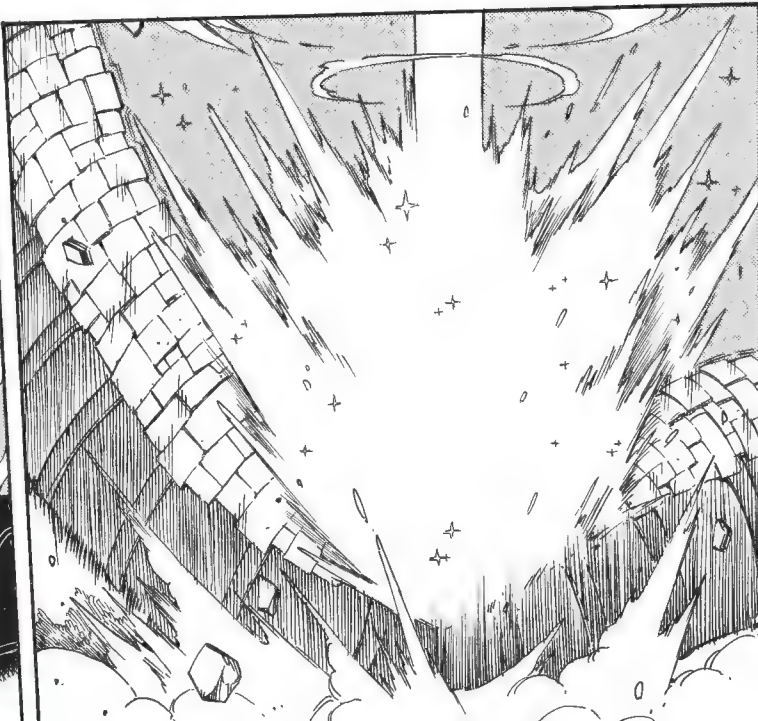
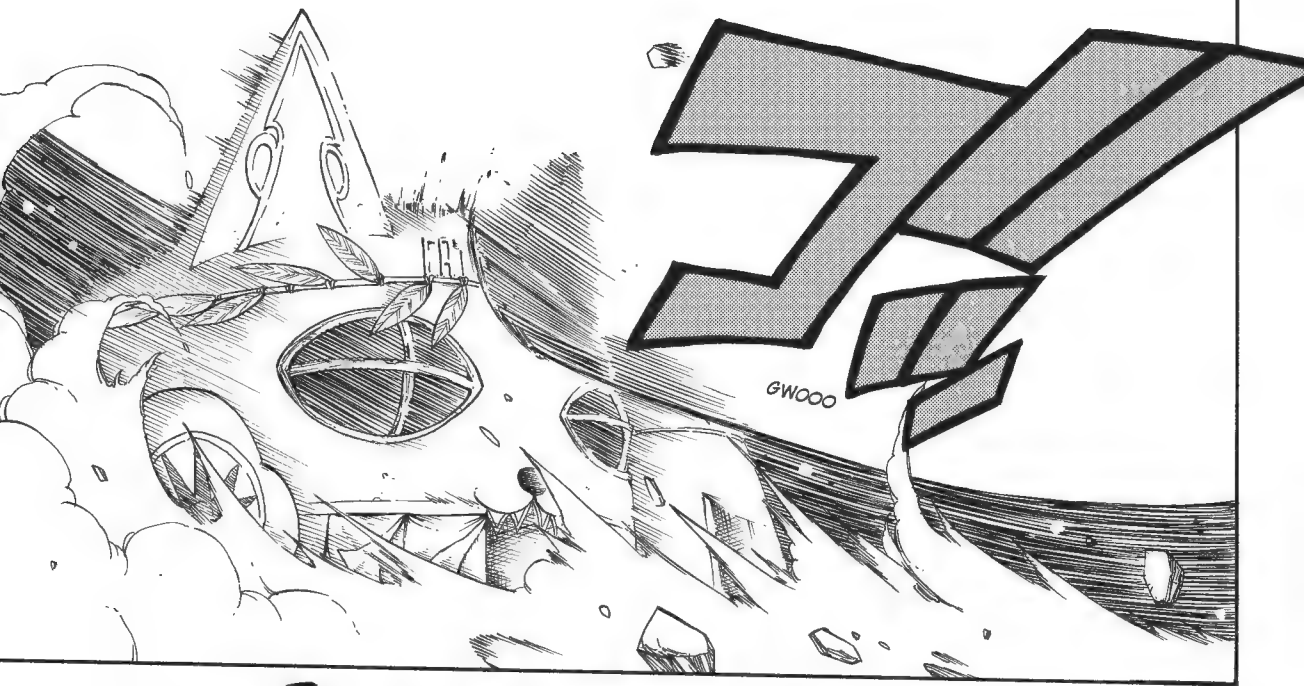
FLASH

NO,  
DON'T  
!!!!

Are you saying that Nirvana's about to fire?!!













That's  
...



Some-  
thing  
struck  
Nirvana's  
leg...  
?!!

What  
was  
it?!!



...THE  
WIZARD  
BATTLE-  
SHIP  
...

CHRIS-  
TINA  
!!!!





IF YOU'RE  
ALL RIGHT,  
SEND ME A  
REPLY!!!!

CAN  
ANYONE  
HEAR ME?!  
ANYBODY  
...



ERZA-  
SAN?

WENDY-  
CHAN TOO!  
YOU'RE  
BOTH OKAY,  
RIGHT?



Is that  
Hibiki?

Wow!

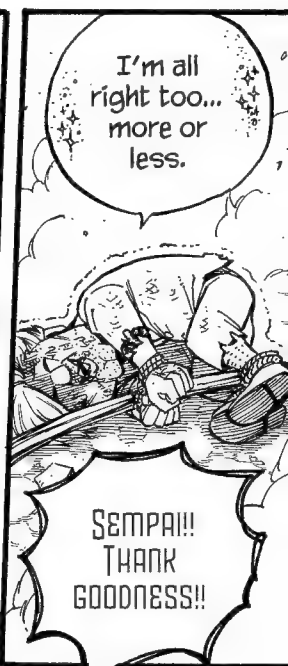


THE  
WINGS WERE  
BROKEN,  
BUT WITH  
YON-KUN'S  
MAGIC...

...AND SHERRY-  
SAN'S DOLL ATTACK  
MAGIC, AND REN'S  
AIR MAGIC, WE  
MANAGED TO GET  
IT AFLOAT!



What's  
going on?  
I remember  
Christina  
came under  
a fierce  
attack...

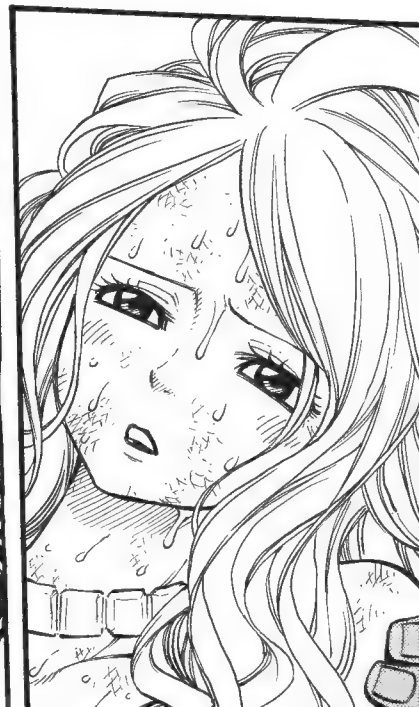
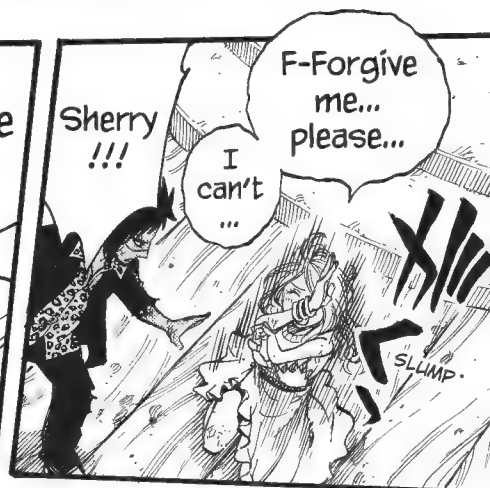
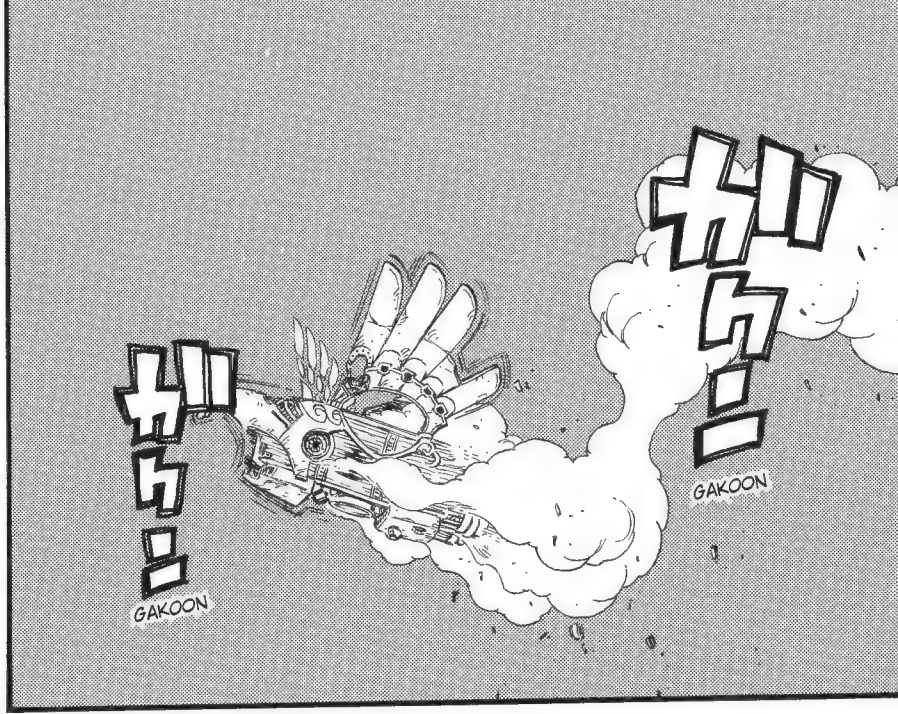
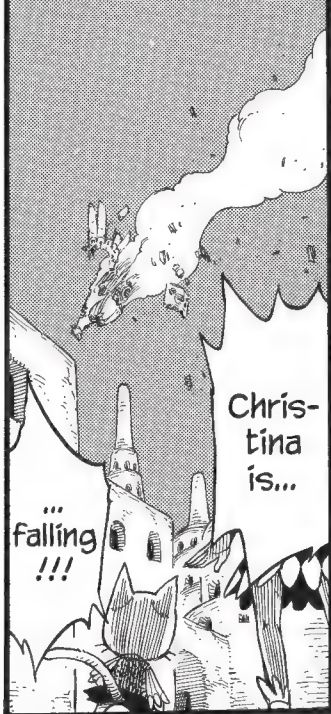


I'm all  
right too...  
more or  
less.

SEMPAI!!  
THANK  
GOODNESS!!

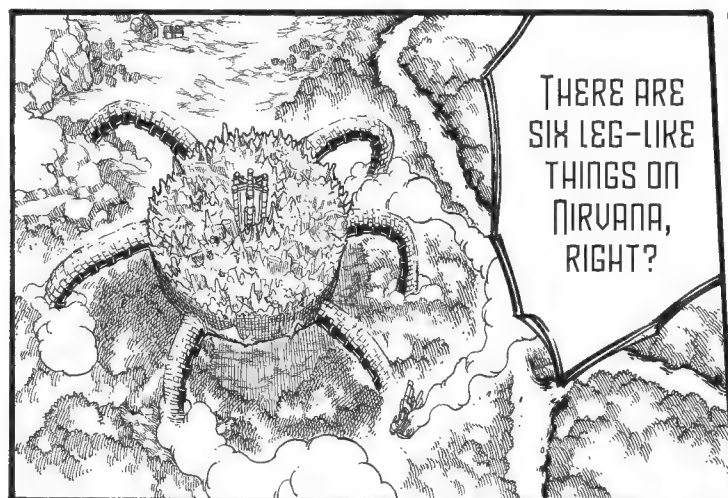








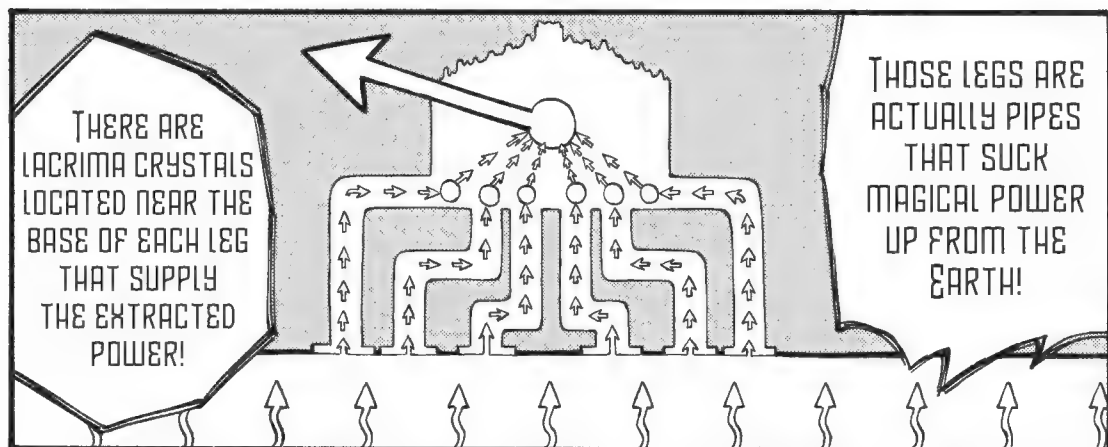
# THE WAY TO STOP NIRVANA!!!!



THERE ARE  
SIX LEG-LIKE  
THINGS ON  
NIRVANA,  
RIGHT?



Is that  
true?!



THERE ARE  
LACRIMA CRYSTALS  
LOCATED NEAR THE  
BASE OF EACH LEG  
THAT SUPPLY  
THE EXTRACTED  
POWER!

THOSE LEGS ARE  
ACTUALLY PIPES  
THAT SUCK  
MAGICAL POWER  
UP FROM THE  
EARTH!



DOING IT ONE AT  
A TIME WON'T  
WORK! THERE ARE  
OTHER LACRIMA  
THAT WILL REPAIR  
ANY DAMAGE TO  
THEM!

A SIMULTANEOUS  
STRIKE THAT  
DESTROYS THEM  
ALL AT ONCE SHOULD  
STOP NIRVANA!



I'D LIKE TO  
COORDINATE THE  
TIMING FOR YOU,  
BUT...I DON'T  
THINK I CAN LAST  
THAT LONG.

A simul-  
taneous  
strike?!  
How?!

A WASTED  
EFFORT...

PING

Twenty  
minutes?

PING

THAT'S JUST  
PRIOR TO THE  
NEXT CHARGE  
OF NIRVANA'S  
POWER.

PING

PING

INSTEAD, I'LL  
UPLOAD THE  
TIMING TO YOUR  
HEADS.

I KNOW YOU'LL  
BE ABLE TO DO  
IT!! I BELIEVE IN  
YOU!!



He's  
jacking  
into my  
telepathy  
?!!



Is  
that  
Brain  
?!!



That  
voice  
...



Who is  
that?!!



!!!



MASTER  
ZERO OF THE  
ORACIÓN  
SEIS!

I AM  
ZERO!



I WILL NOW  
BEGIN TO  
DESTROY  
EVERYTHING IN  
EXISTENCE!!!!

NOW LISTEN  
CLOSELY,  
WIZARDS OF  
LIGHT!!!



I get it now...  
He found out  
about Nirvana  
because it was  
in the Archive?



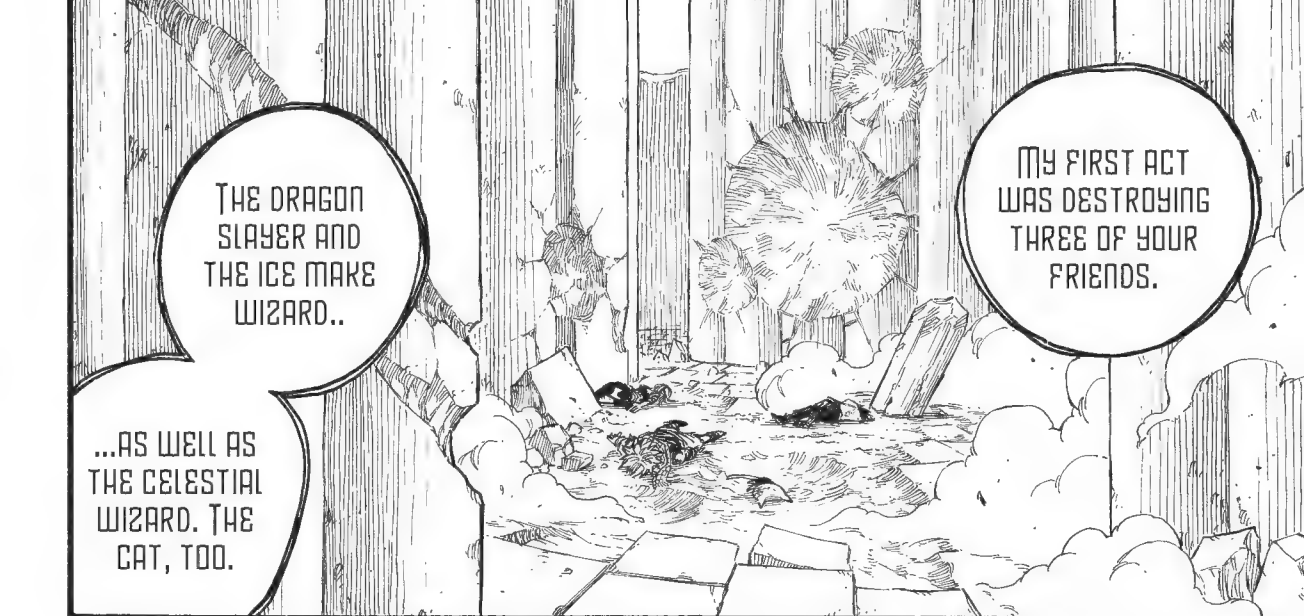
I NEVER  
SUSPECTED  
ANY OTHER  
WIZARD HAD  
ARCHIVE  
ABILITY LIKE  
BRAIN DID...

FIRST,  
I MUST  
COMMEND  
YOU.



The  
Oración  
Seis had a  
master?!






THE DRAGON  
SLAYER AND  
THE ICE MAKE  
WIZARD..

MY FIRST ACT  
WAS DESTROYING  
THREE OF YOUR  
FRIENDS.

...AS WELL AS  
THE CELESTIAL  
WIZARD. THE  
CAT, TOO.



YOU SAID  
SOMETHING ABOUT  
DESTROYING THE  
LACRIMA IN A  
SIMULTANEOUS  
ATTACK?



.....


You're  
lying!!!



NATSU'S  
GROUP...?!



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E  
E  
N

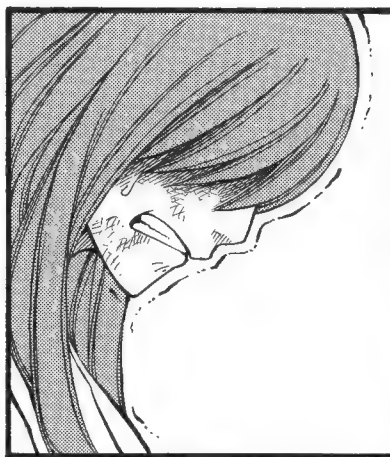


WA HA HA HA  
HA!!!! AND AS LONG  
AS I'M HERE, YOU  
WILL NEVER BE  
ABLE TO DESTROY  
THEM ALL AT  
ONCE!!!!

I AM IN FRONT  
OF ONE OF  
THOSE LACRIMA  
RIGHT NOW!



YOU HAVE A  
ONE-IN-SIX CHANCE  
OF FINDING THE  
LACRIMA WHERE  
ZERO IS, AND IT'S  
OBVIOUS THAT NO  
ONE BUT ERZA IS A  
MATCH FOR HIM.



My telepathic  
connection to  
Zero has been  
cut off...



It's  
just us  
two?

Aren't  
there any  
others  
out there  
who can  
func-  
tion?!!

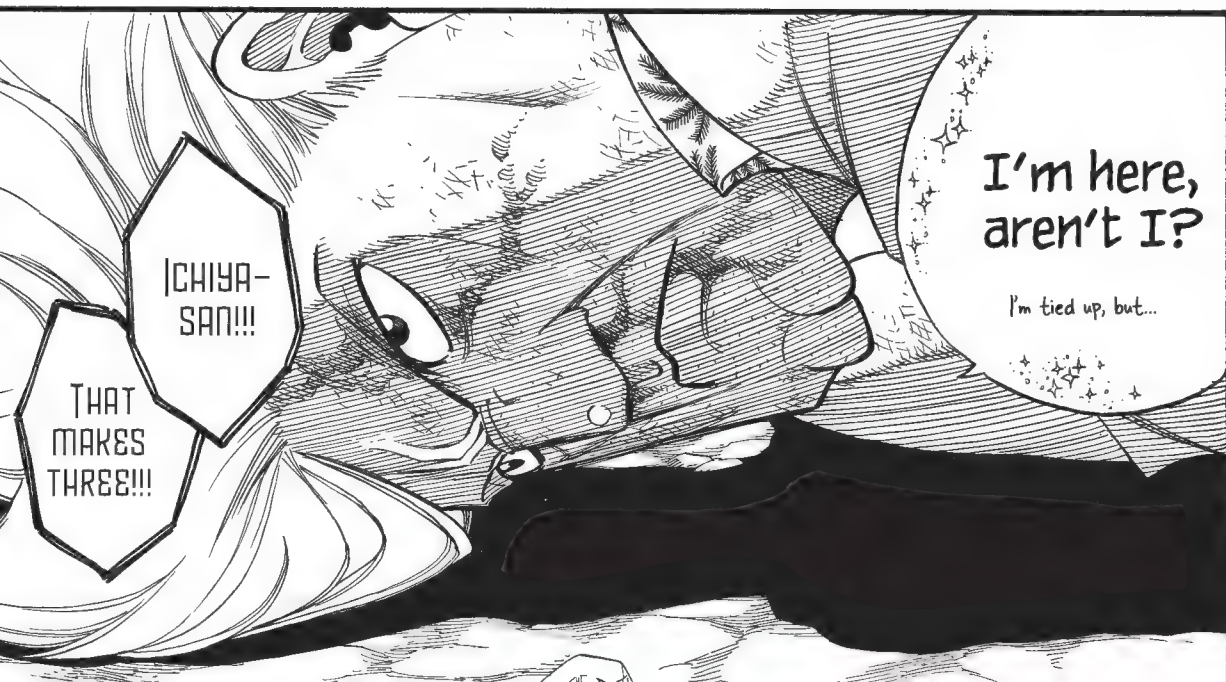


I-I don't  
have any  
destructive  
magic... I'm  
sorry...

?!!



We don't have  
six wizards to  
take out the  
lacrima!!!!



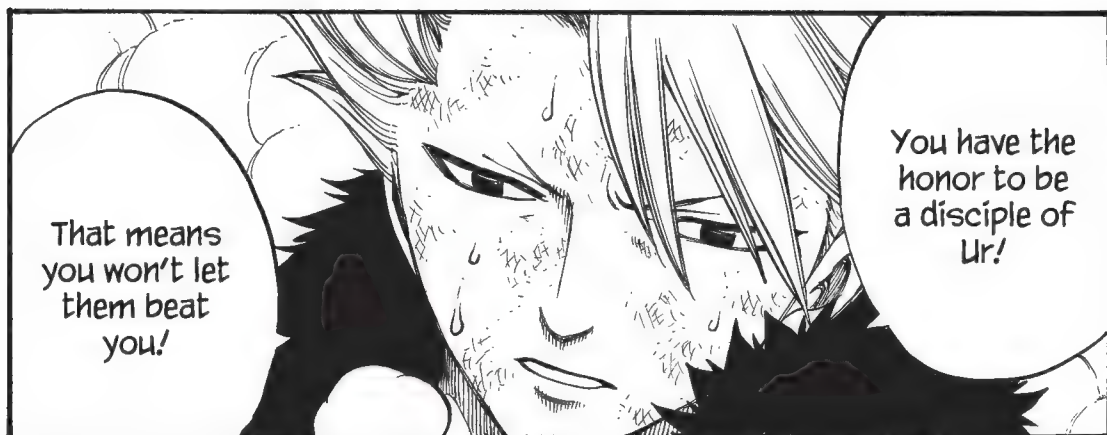
I'm here,  
aren't I?

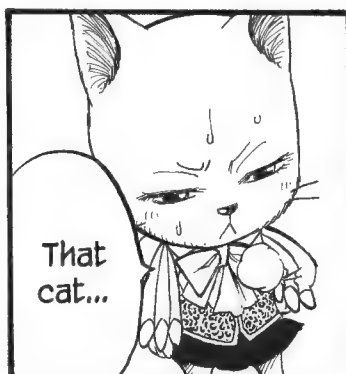
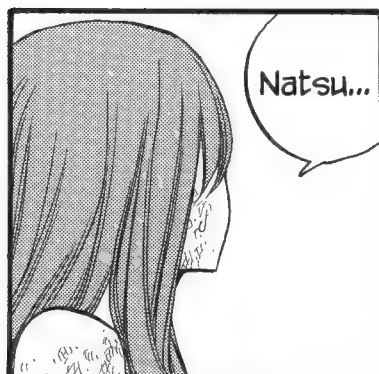
I'm tied up, but...

!CHIYA-  
SAN!!!

THAT  
MAKES  
THREE!!!







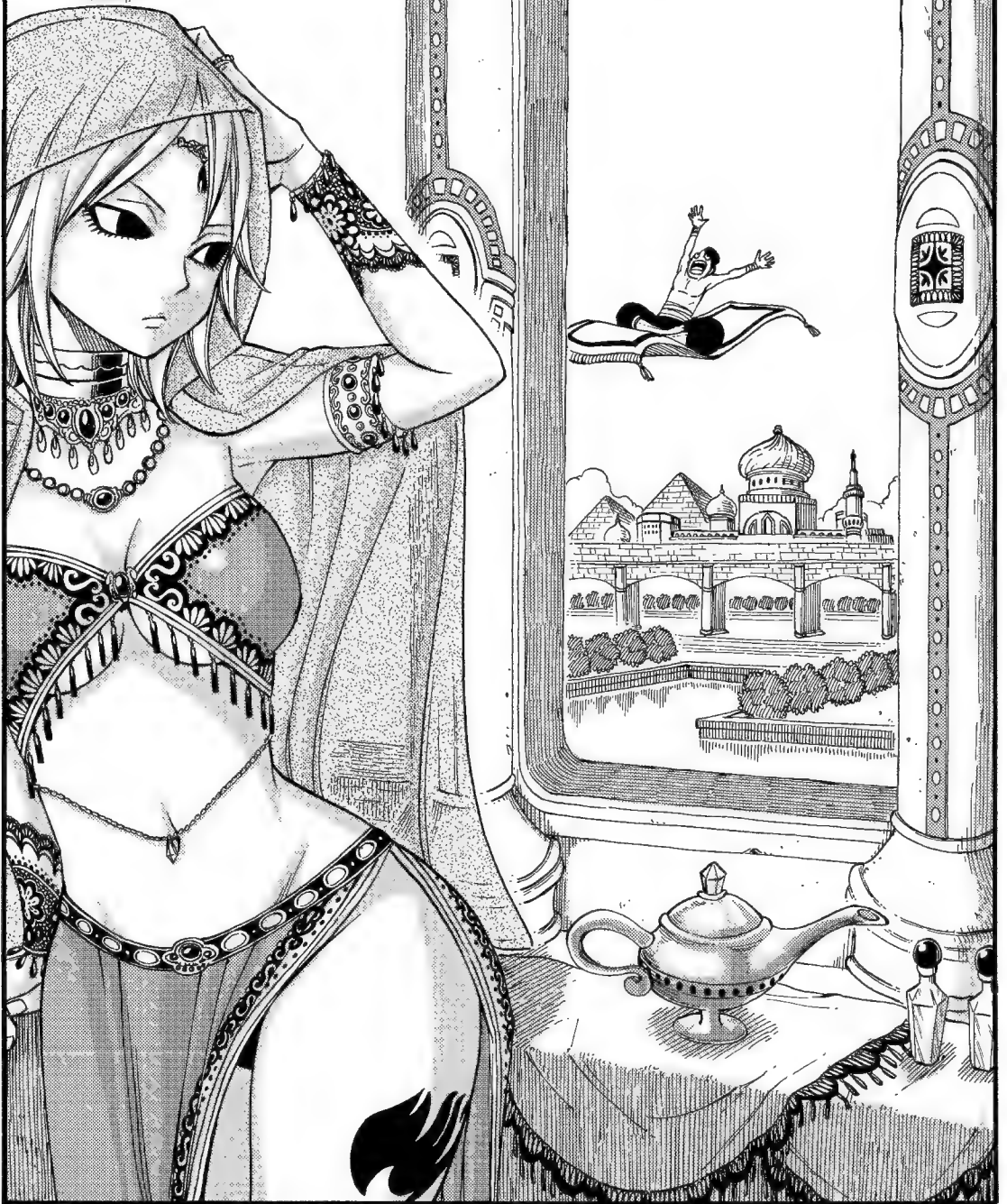


*Yeah,  
we hear  
ya!!!!*



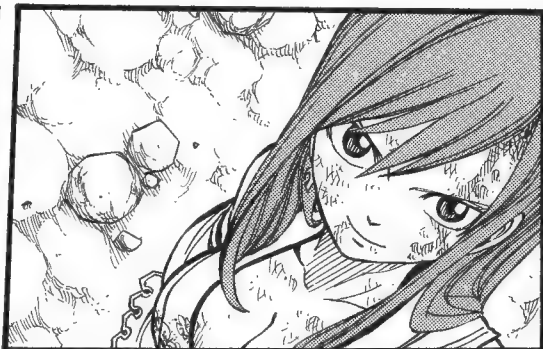
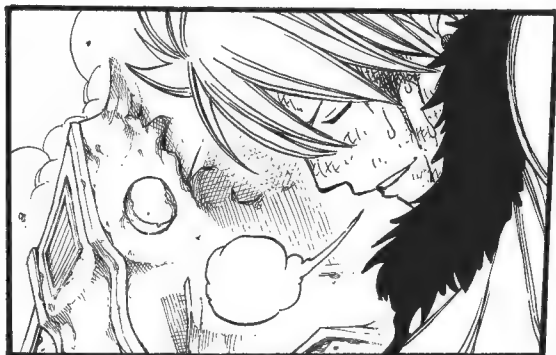
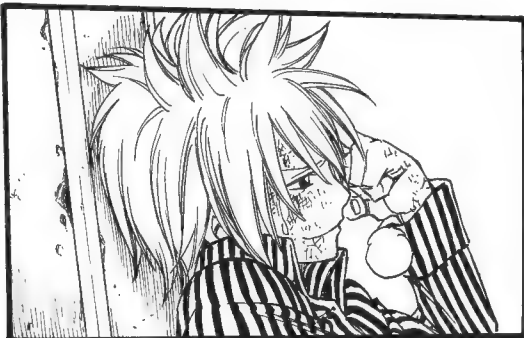
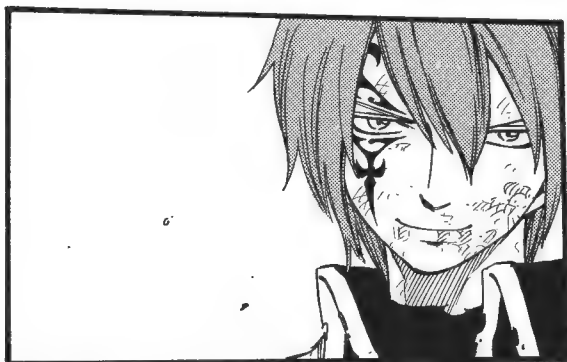
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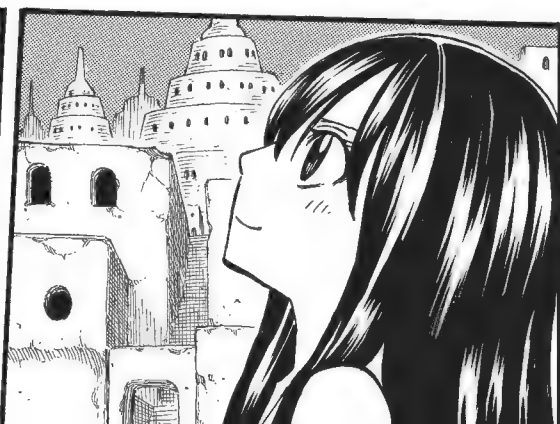
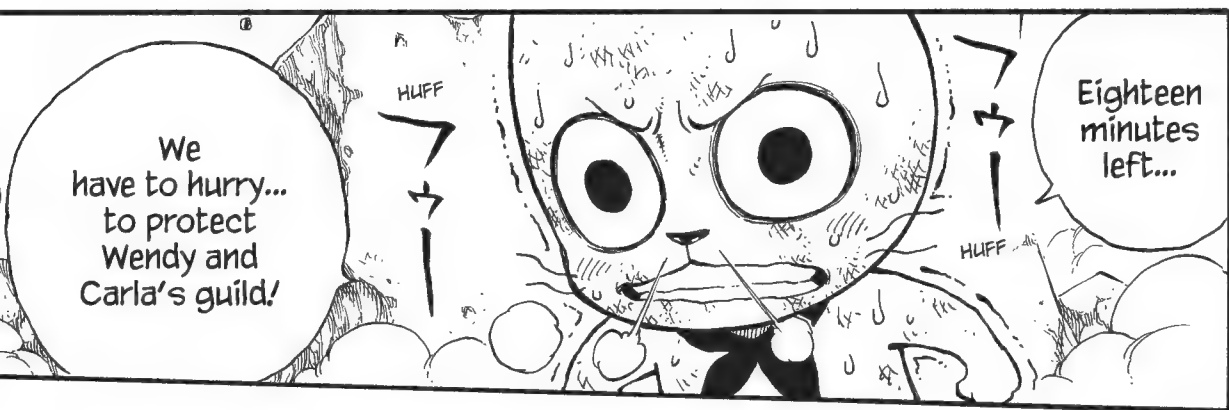
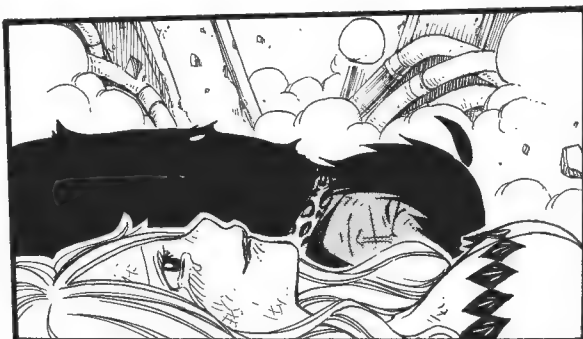
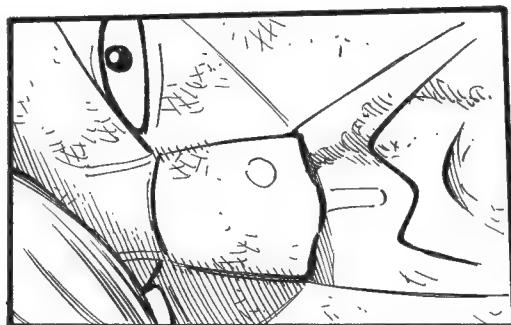
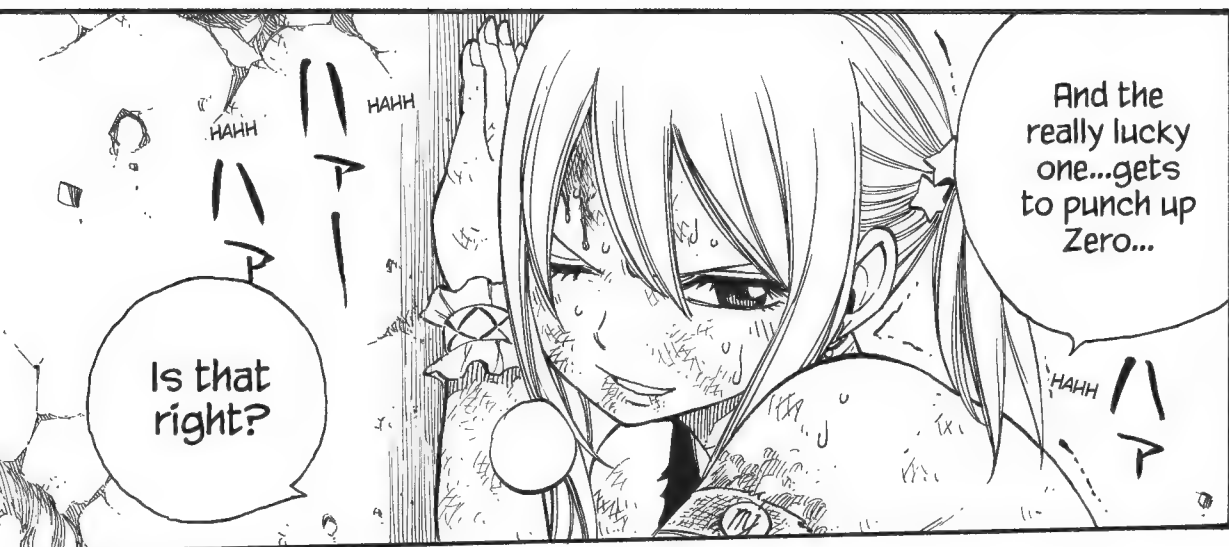
フェアリーテイル



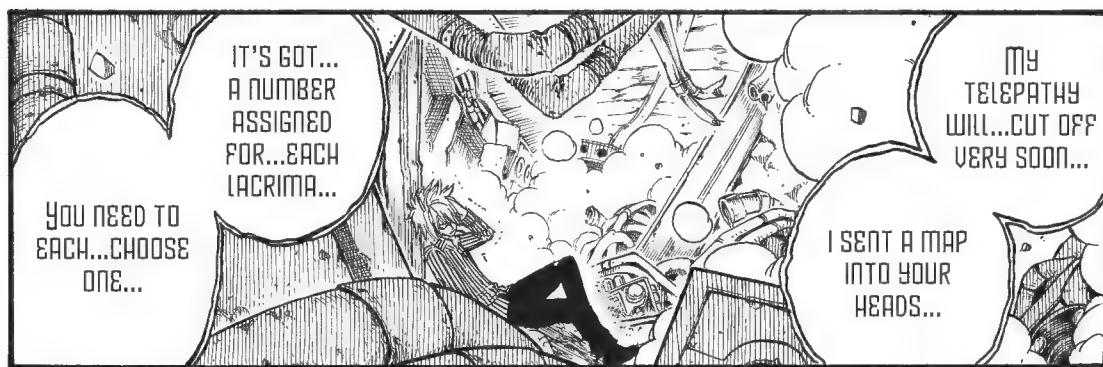
## Chapter 158: The Door to Memory





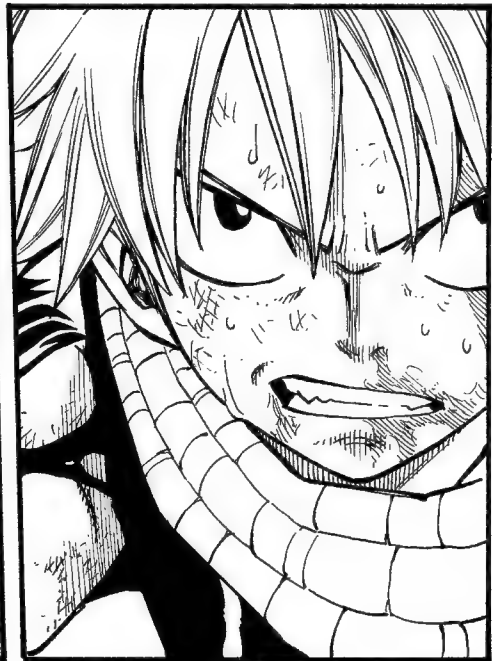
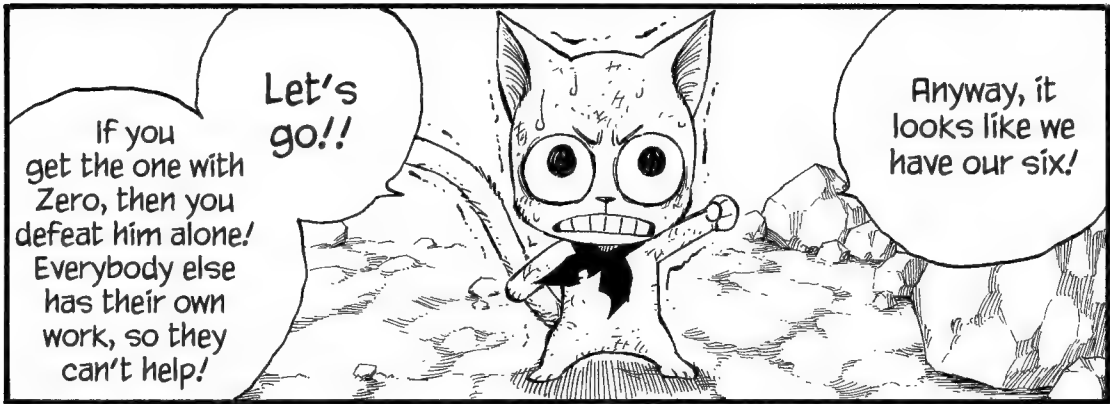
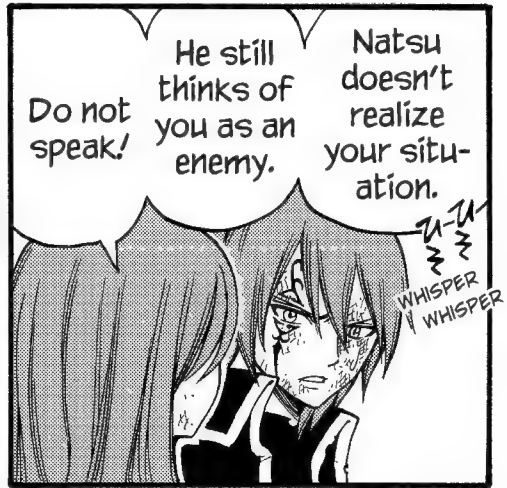


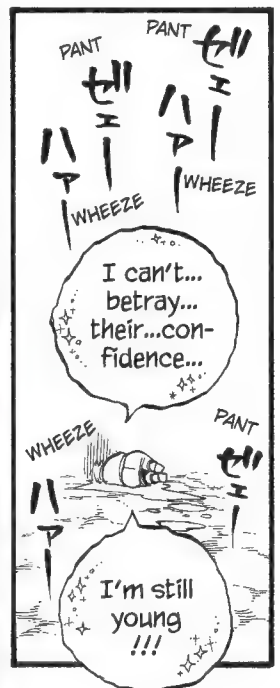




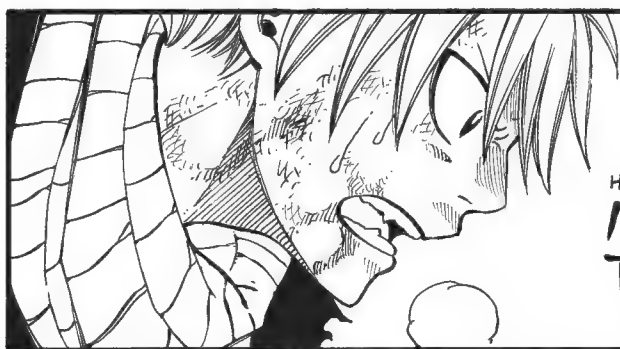
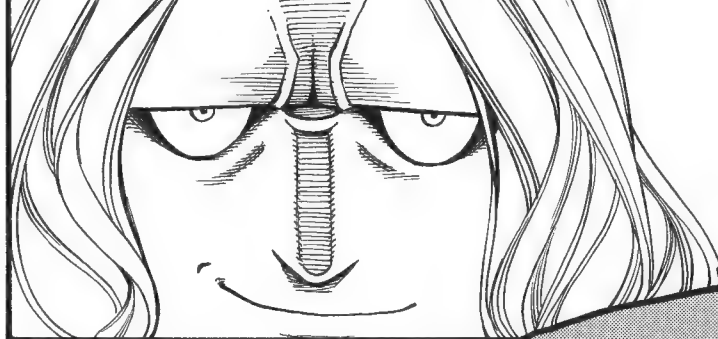














**You or  
me...  
We're  
gonna  
find  
out...**

**...  
which  
one  
breaks  
first!**



He probably  
picked 1  
knowing Zero  
was there.

He has  
a good  
nose.



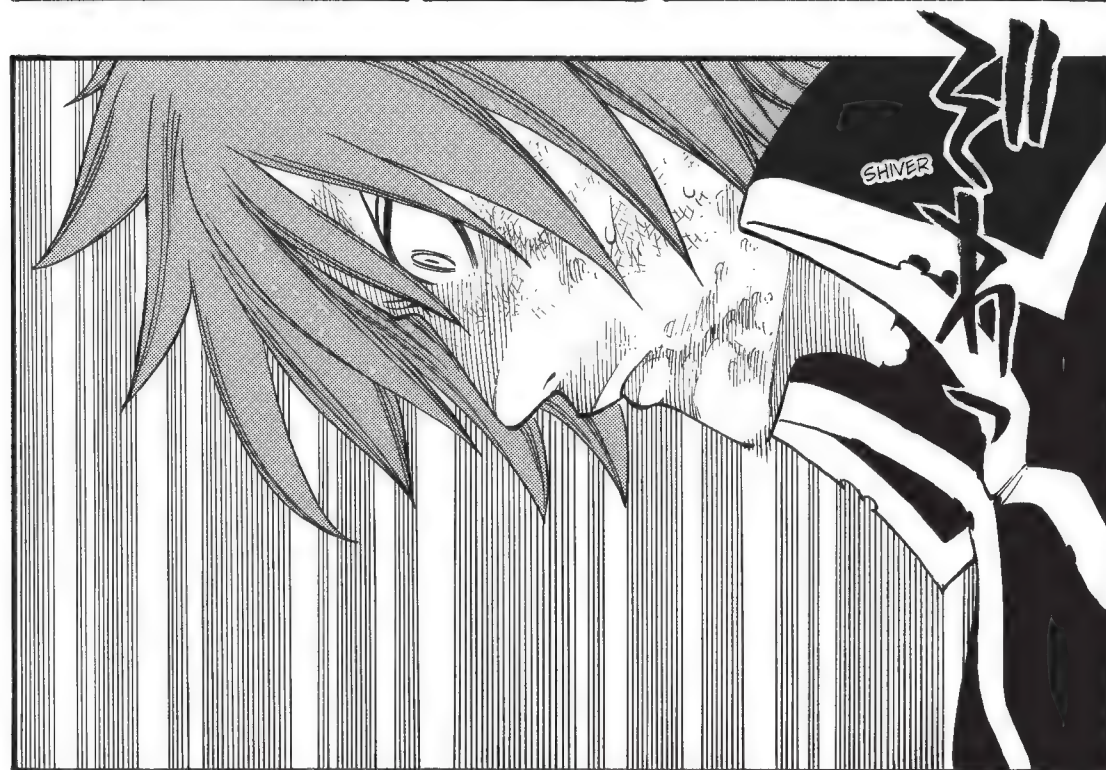
You mean  
where  
Natsu  
is?!!

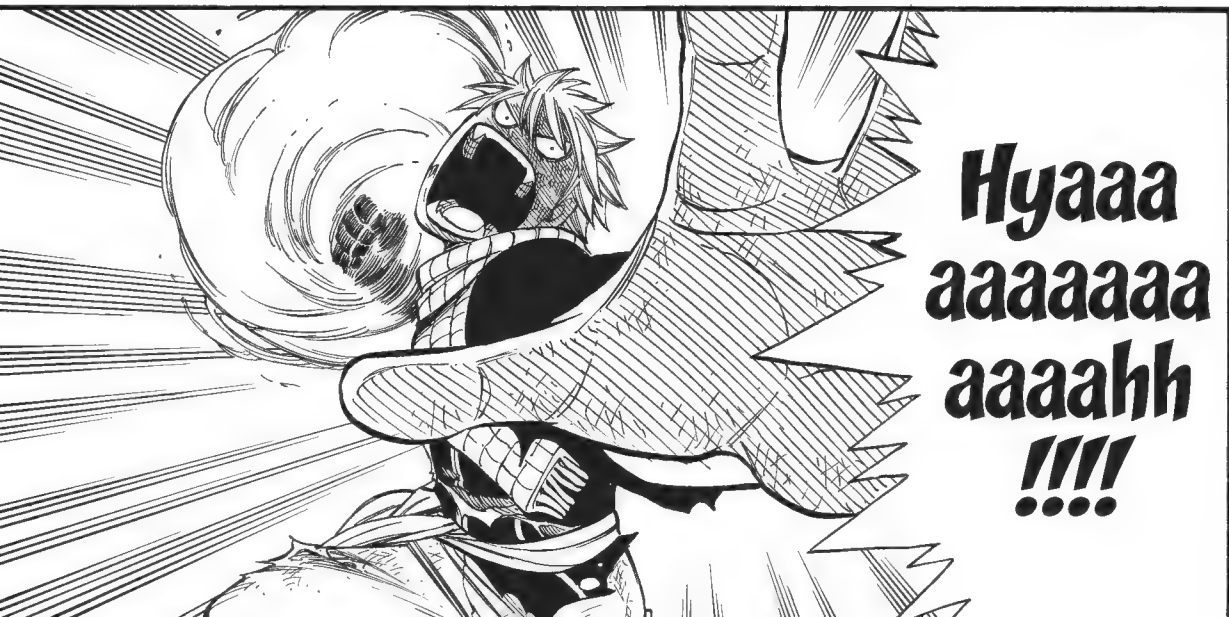
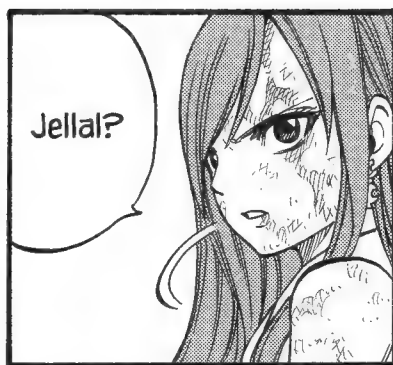
?!!

I would  
expect Zero  
to be at  
number 1.



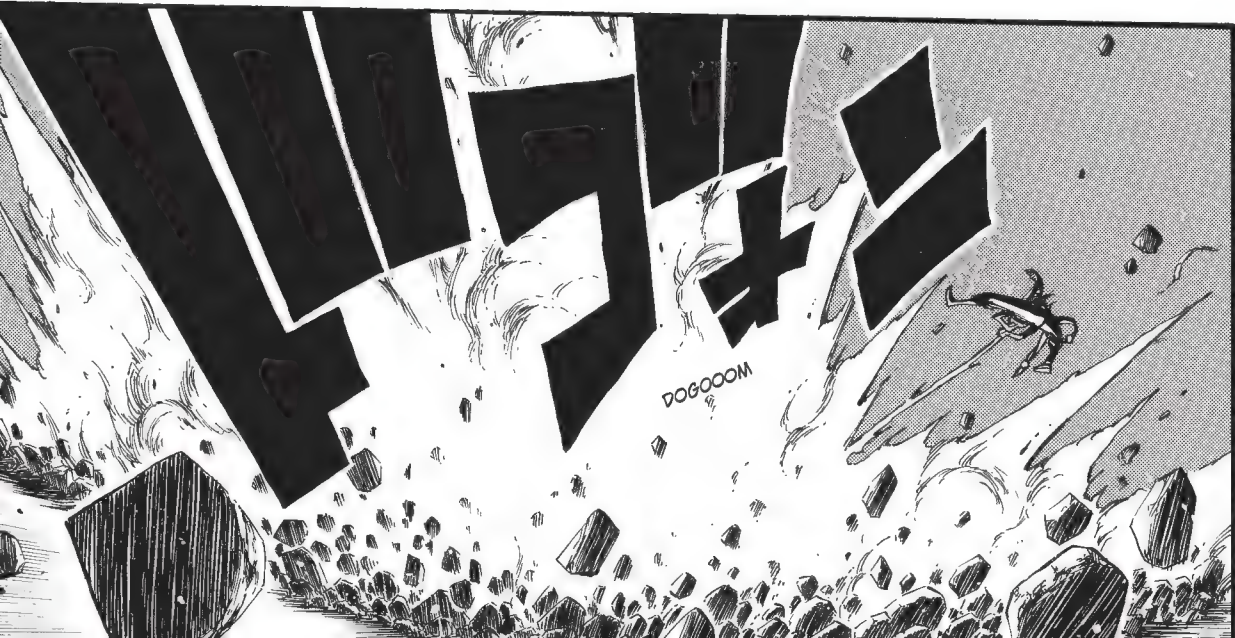
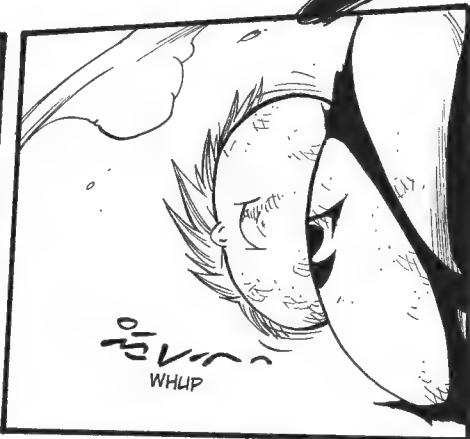
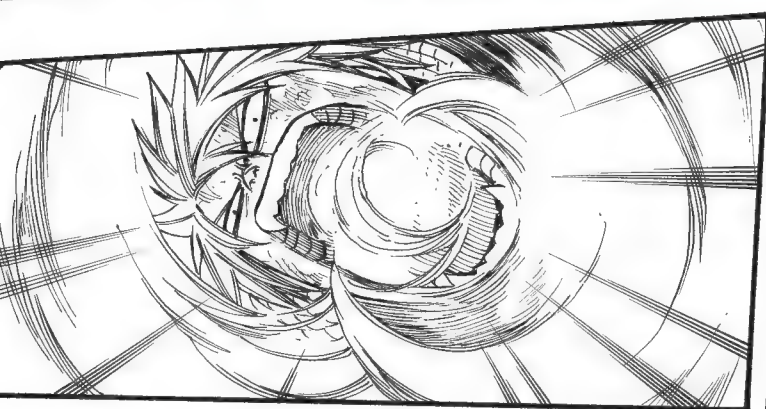




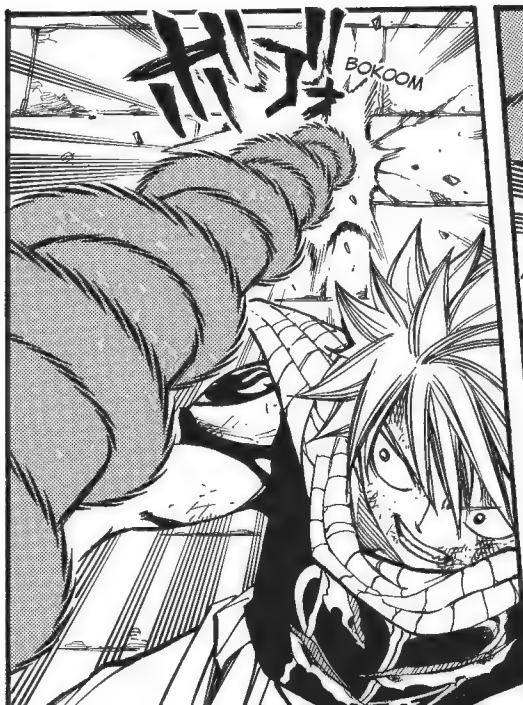
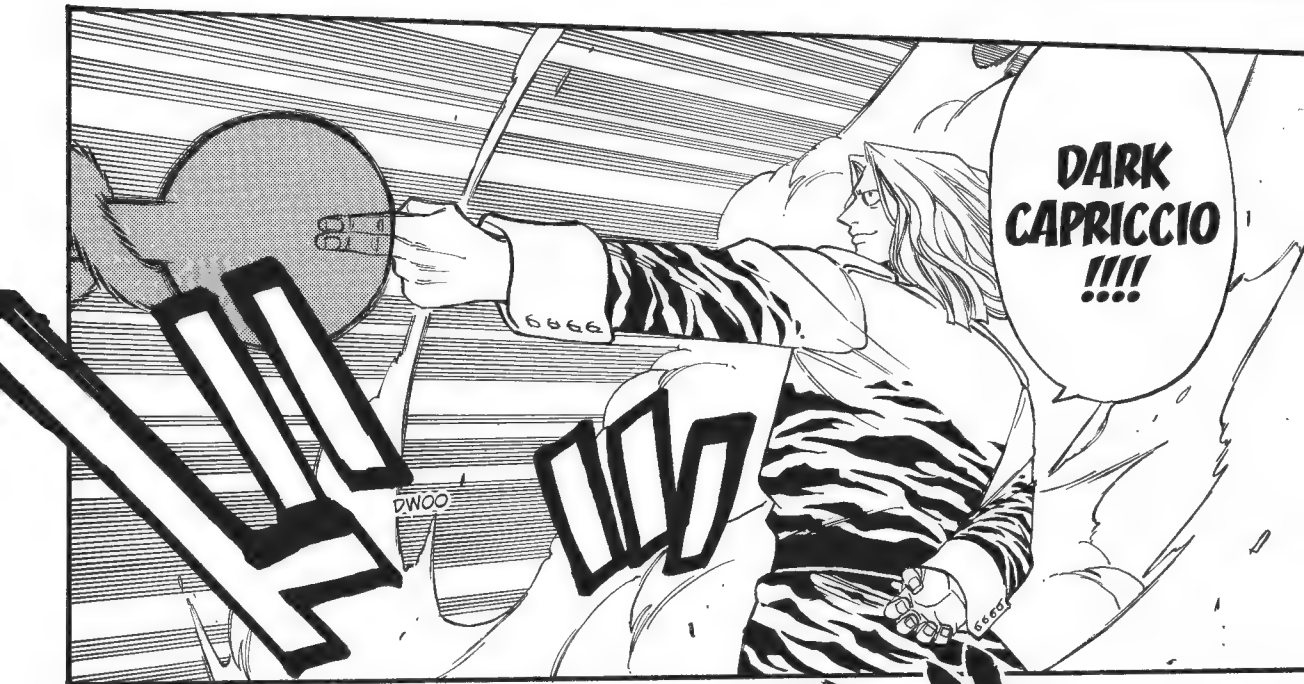
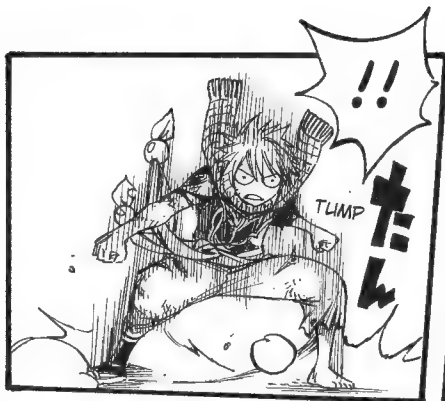


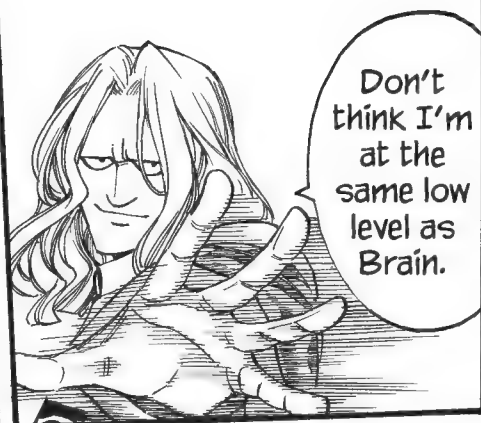
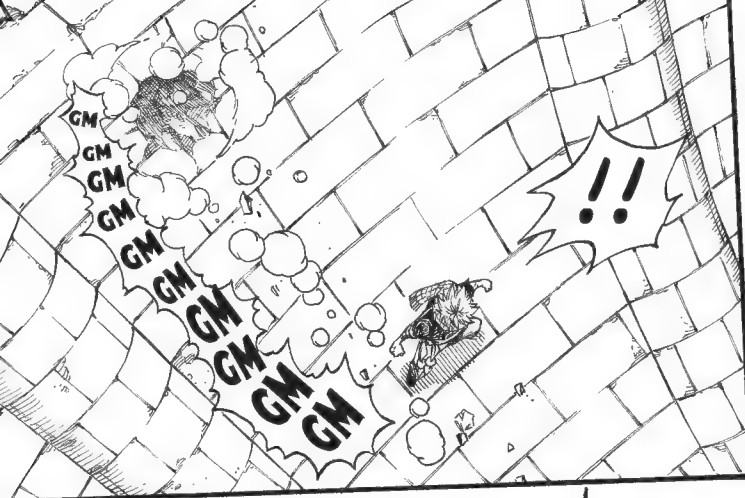








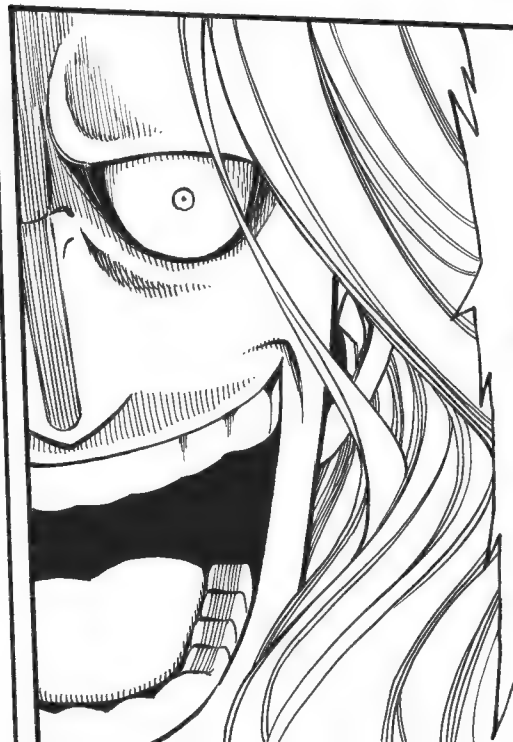
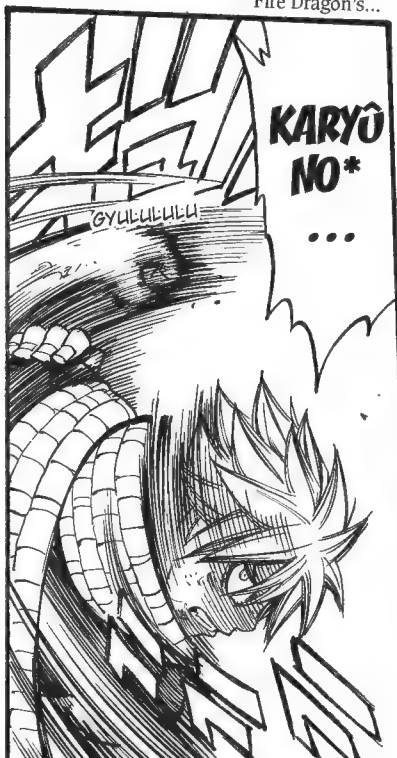








\*Fire Dragon's...



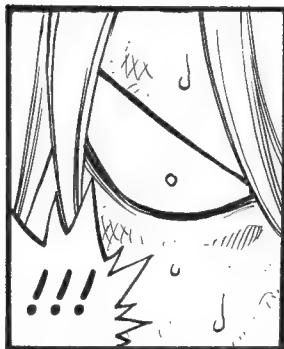
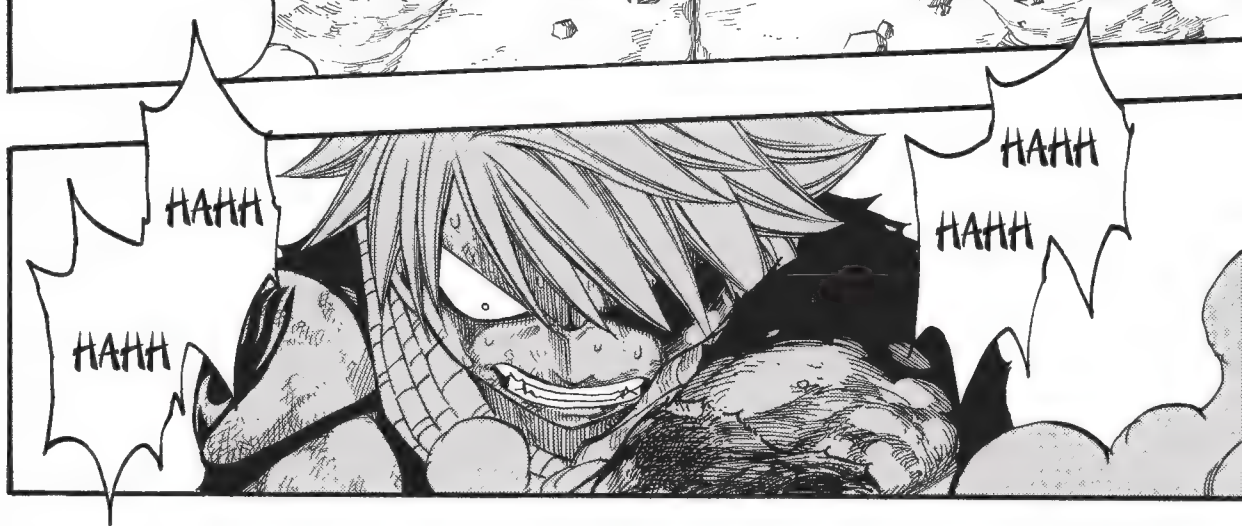
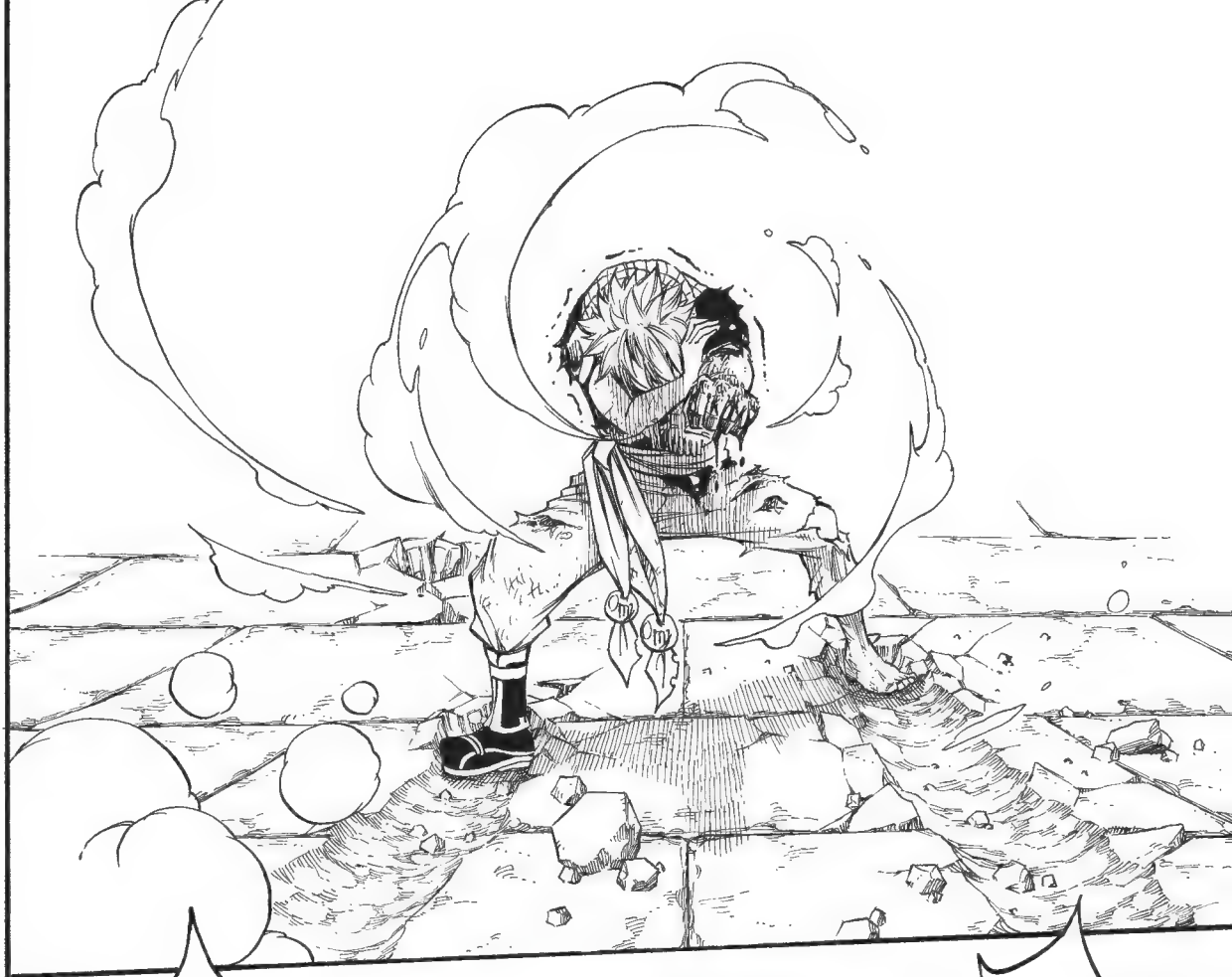
*You're  
the one to  
break, of  
course  
!!!!*

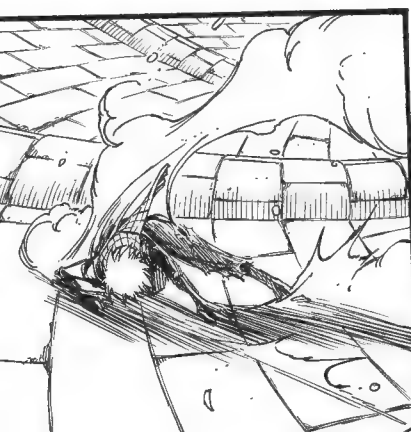
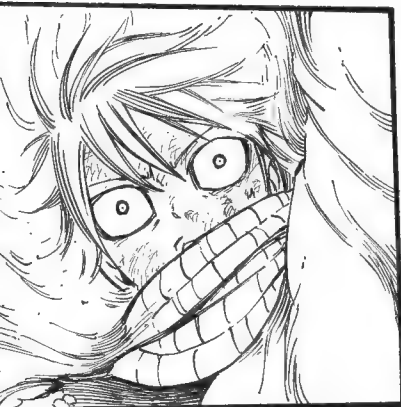
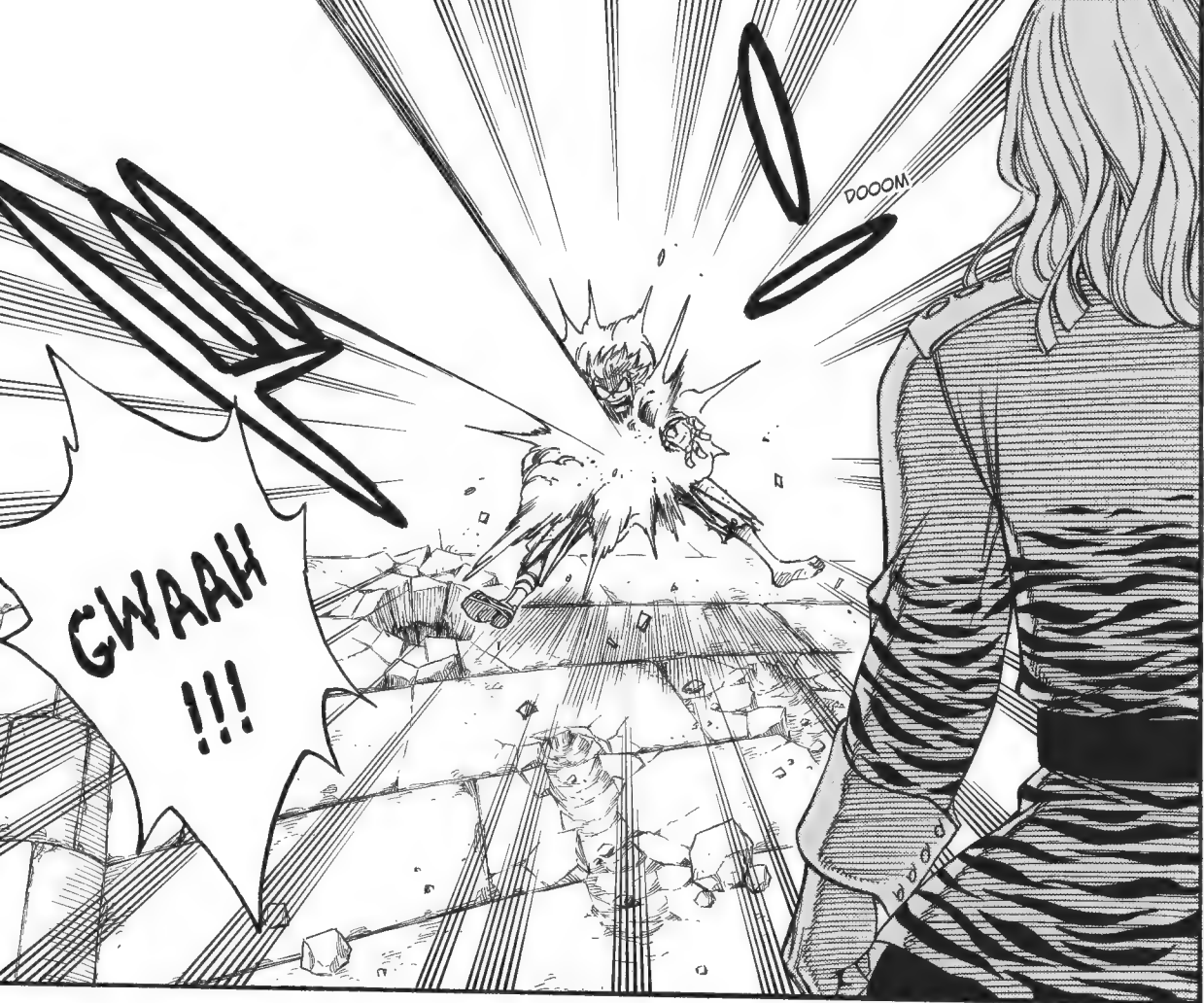


\*...Iron Fist!!!!















...  
is pointed  
directly at  
the Cait  
Shelter  
guild.

The barrel  
of Nirvana, a  
super-reversal  
magic that  
can steep  
people's  
hearts in  
evil...

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And the  
members of  
the allied guilds  
head to each  
crystal to  
spend the last  
of their magic  
on that task.

...is to  
destroy the  
six lacrima  
crystals  
at exactly  
the same  
moment.

The one-  
and-only  
method of  
stopping  
Nirvana  
...

Only twelve  
minutes  
remain before  
the lacrima  
must be  
destroyed.



However, in  
front of one of  
those crystals  
stands Zero,  
Master of the  
Oración Seis.



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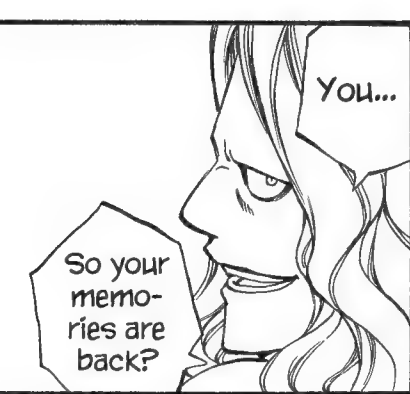
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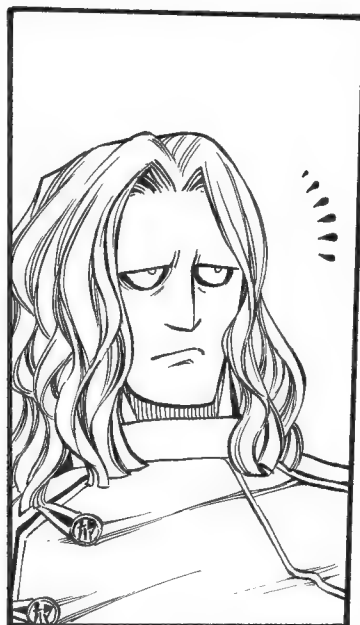
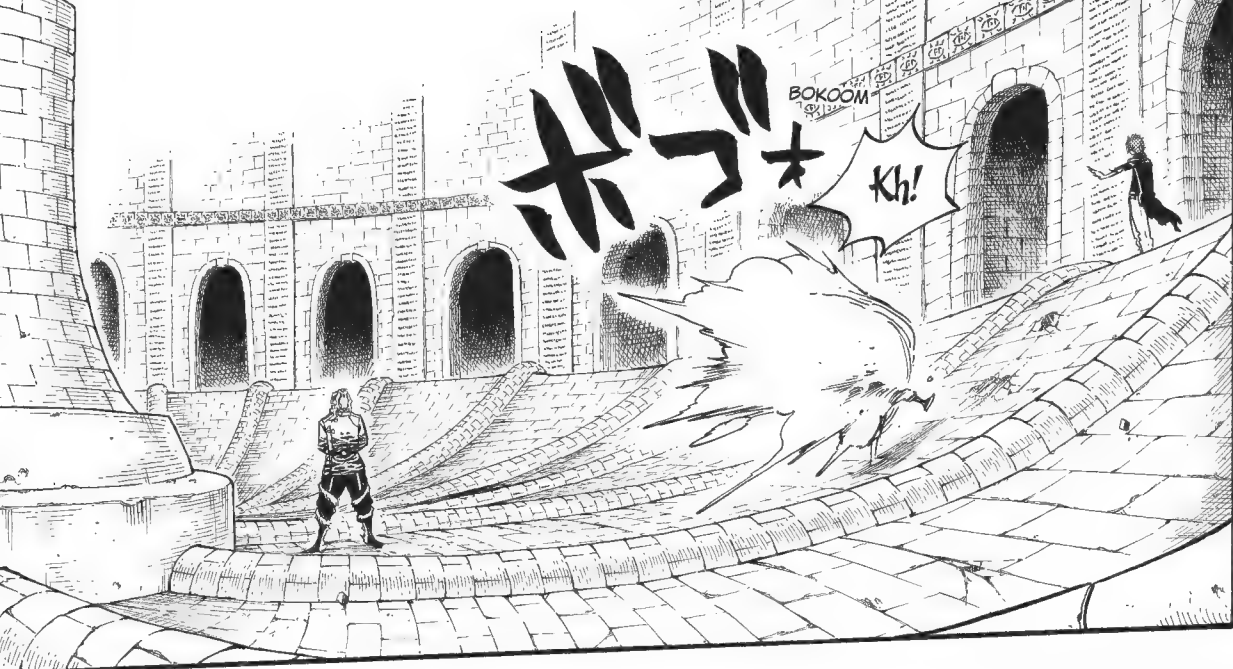


JELLAAL  
!!!!!



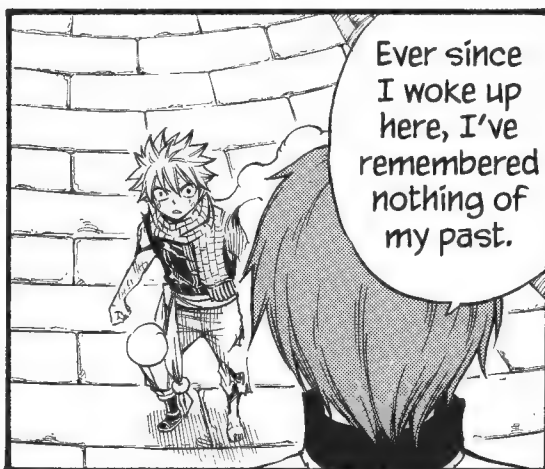
SSST  
ア  
ウ  
...











DOKAAM

**Don't  
give me  
that crap  
!!!!**

**Why are you  
pretending  
to be an ally,  
you jerk?!!!**

**You're  
saying  
you forgot  
that?!!!**

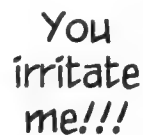
**Not  
Erza's  
tears  
!!!!**

**Well, I  
didn't  
forget  
!!!!**

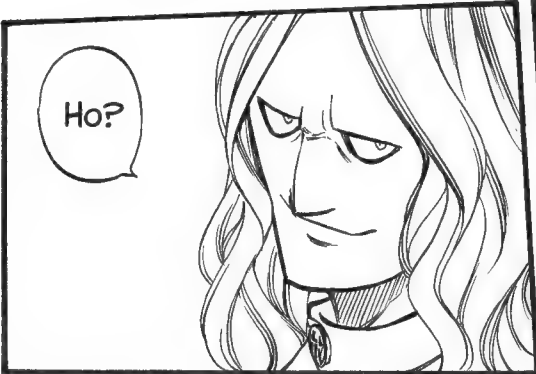
**Just  
accept  
the fire  
I give  
you...**

**Please...  
Natsu...**

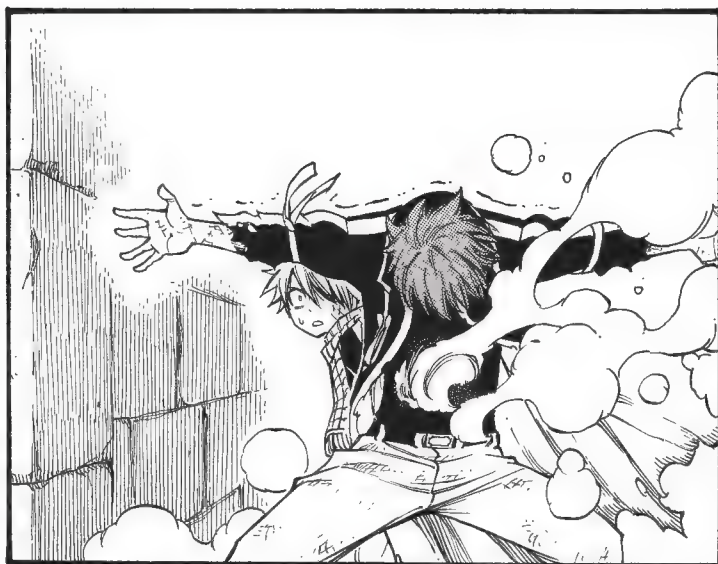


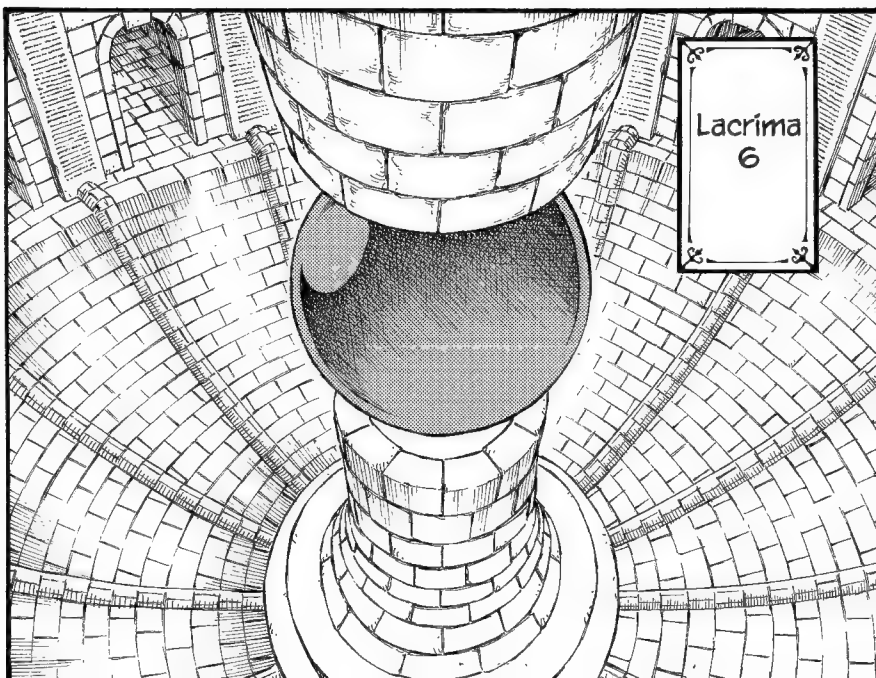


DOGOOOM





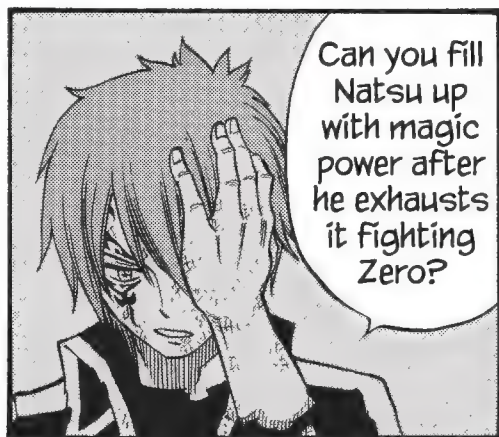




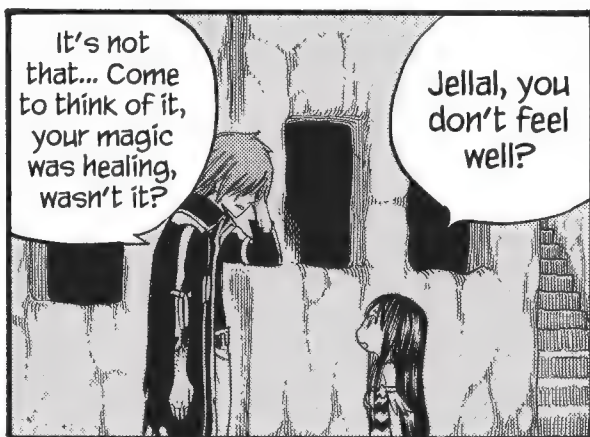




It's what  
I have  
to do!



Can you fill  
Natsu up  
with magic  
power after  
he exhausts  
it fighting  
Zero?



It's not  
that... Come  
to think of it,  
your magic  
was healing,  
wasn't it?

Jellal, you  
don't feel  
well?



Then I'll  
be the one  
to restore  
Natsu's  
power.

Huh?



I see...

She  
can't  
do any  
more!!  
After  
all, this  
girl was  
always  
...



That's  
nonsense!!! Do  
you have any idea  
how many times  
she's had to use  
that magic just  
today?!!

I  
don't...

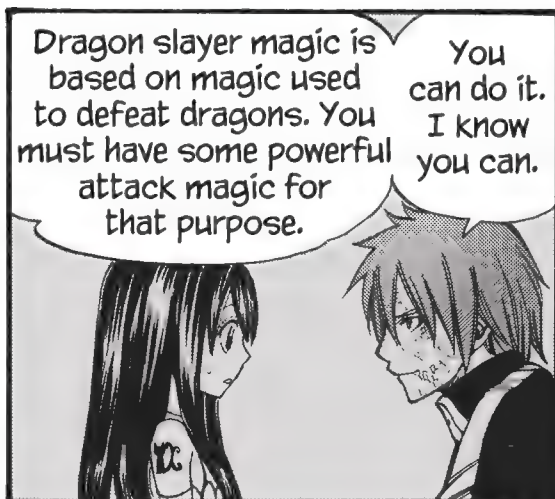


*The  
power  
of  
hope!*

...the  
unlimited  
power  
Natsu  
has...



I remem-  
bered...



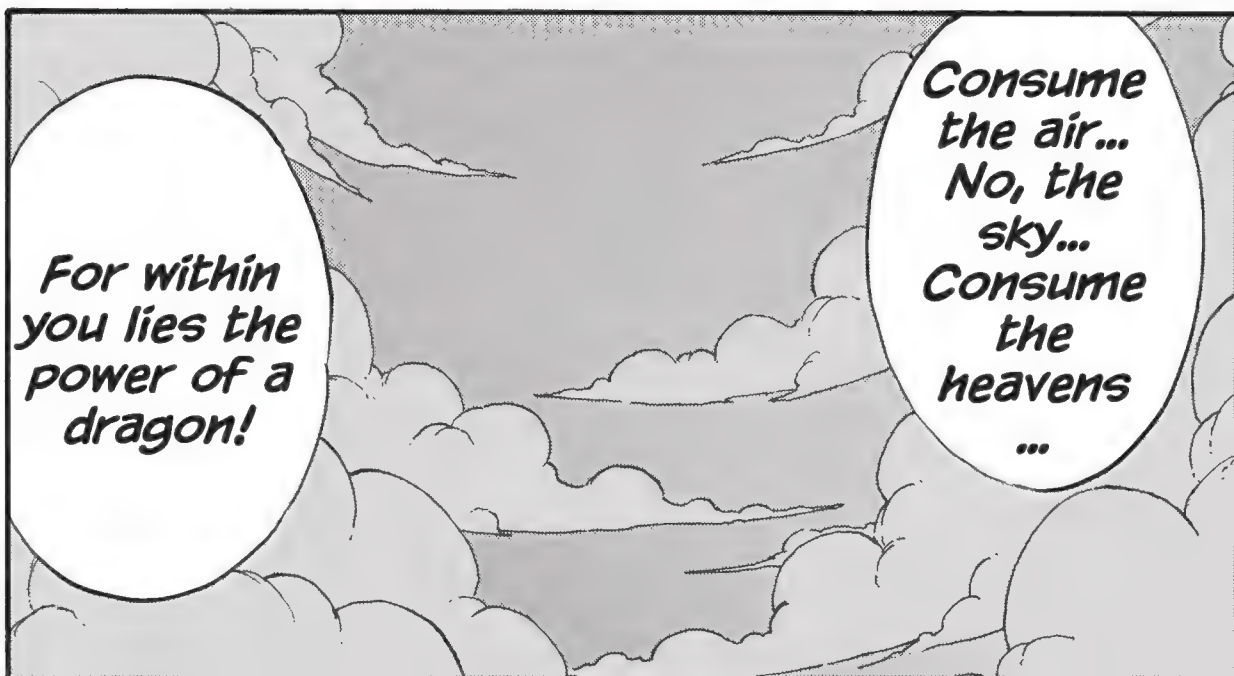
Dragon slayer magic is  
based on magic used  
to defeat dragons. You  
must have some powerful  
attack magic for  
that purpose.

You  
can do it.  
I know  
you can.



But...  
I...

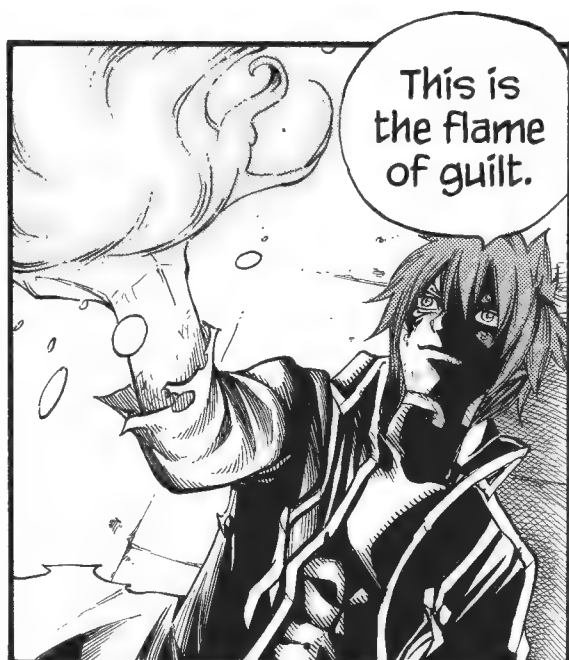
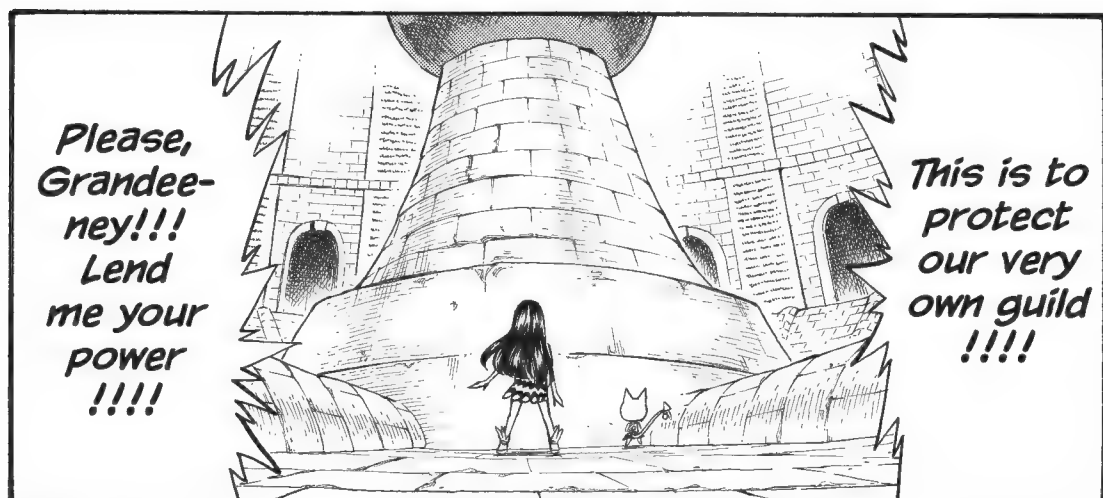
You go to  
number six  
in my place  
and destroy  
it, please.



*For within  
you lies the  
power of a  
dragon!*

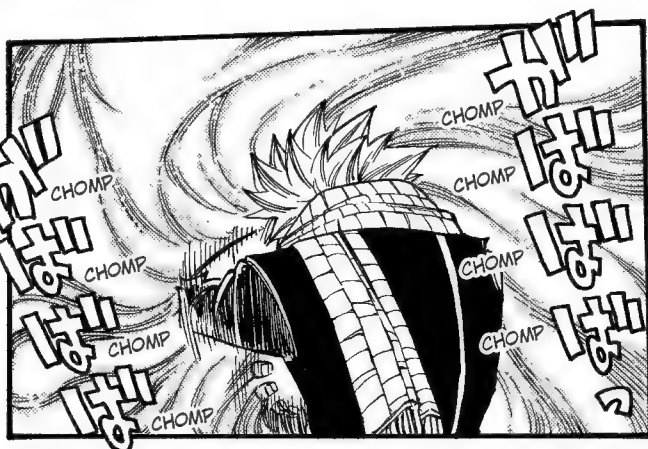
*Consume  
the air...  
No, the  
sky...  
Consume  
the  
heavens  
...*









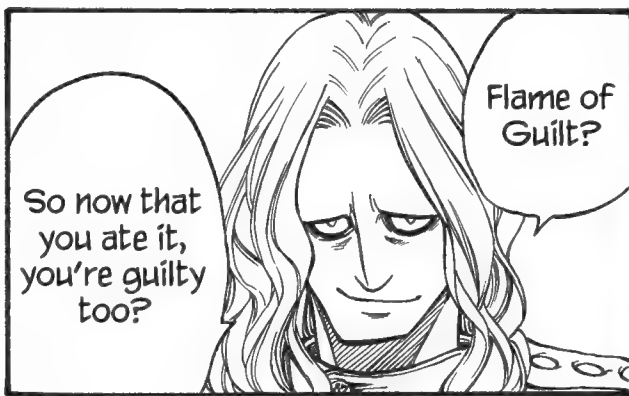




*You  
served it  
up, and I  
ate it...*

*...  
Jellal!*



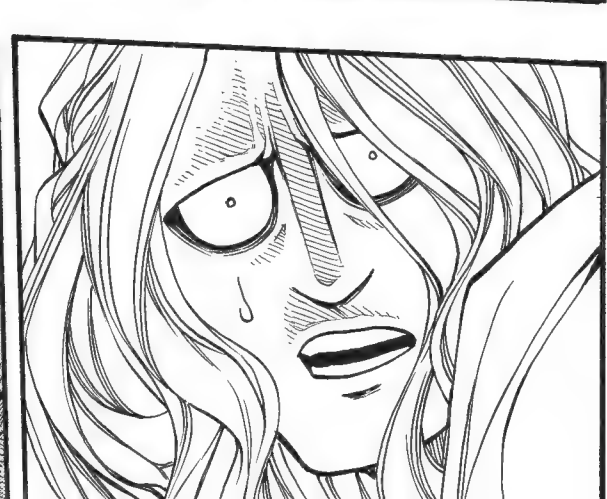




*To  
not be  
trusted  
by any-  
one any-  
more  
!!!!*







gwooooo

バキッ

...is the  
dragon  
force?!!!

Th-This  
light...

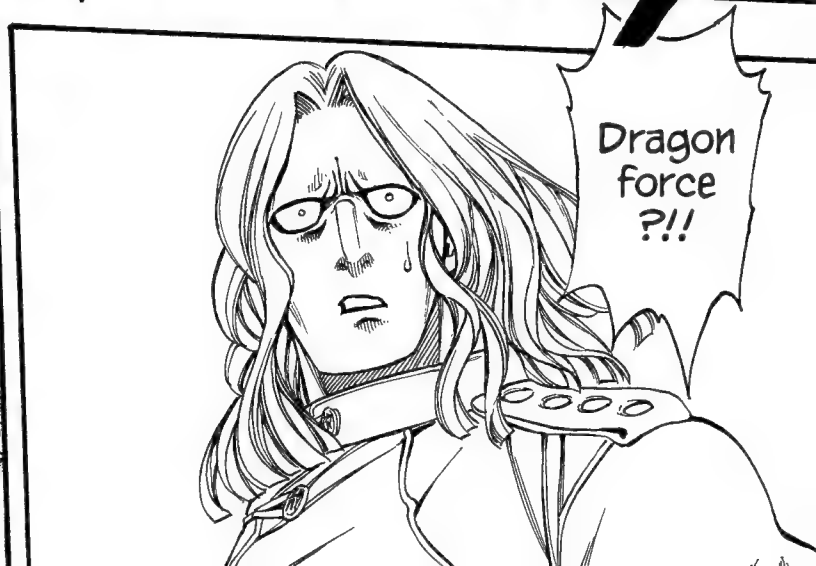


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## Chapter 160: The Power of Emotion







...feels a little like when I ate Etherion...

This power...

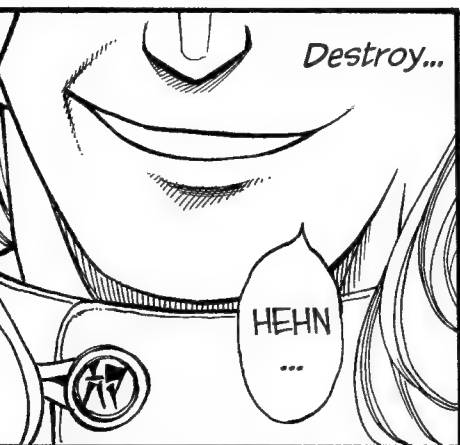


Is this the final form of dragon slayer magic?!!



It's like I'm at twice or three times my normal power!

Amazing...

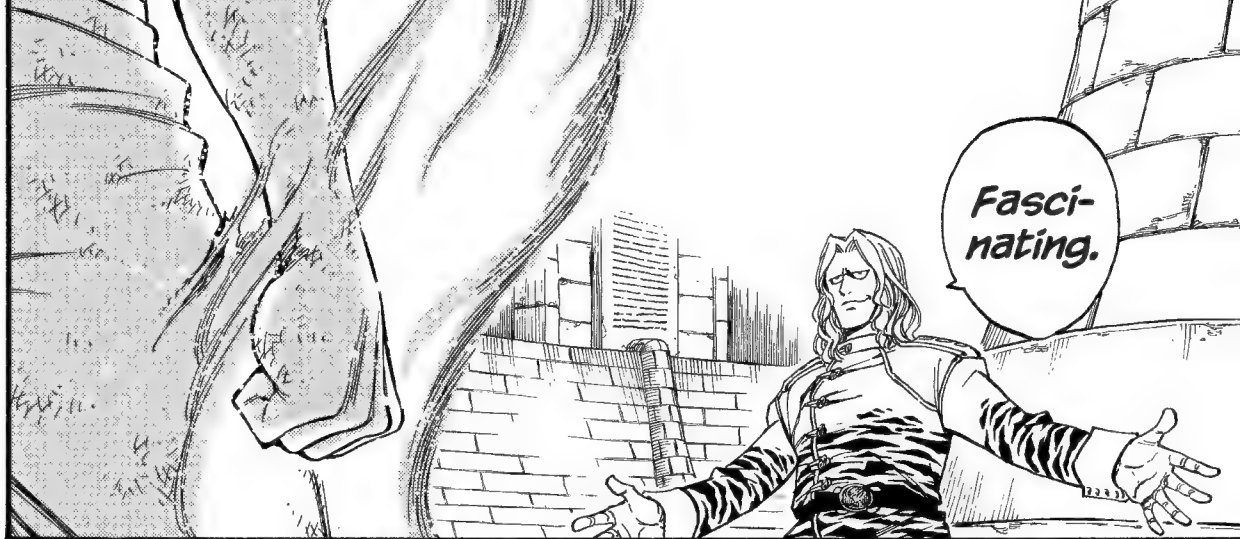


Destroy...

HEHN...



A magic that is said to be exactly that of a dragon in that it is a power able to destroy anything.



*Fascinating.*



Then come...

...power of the dragon!

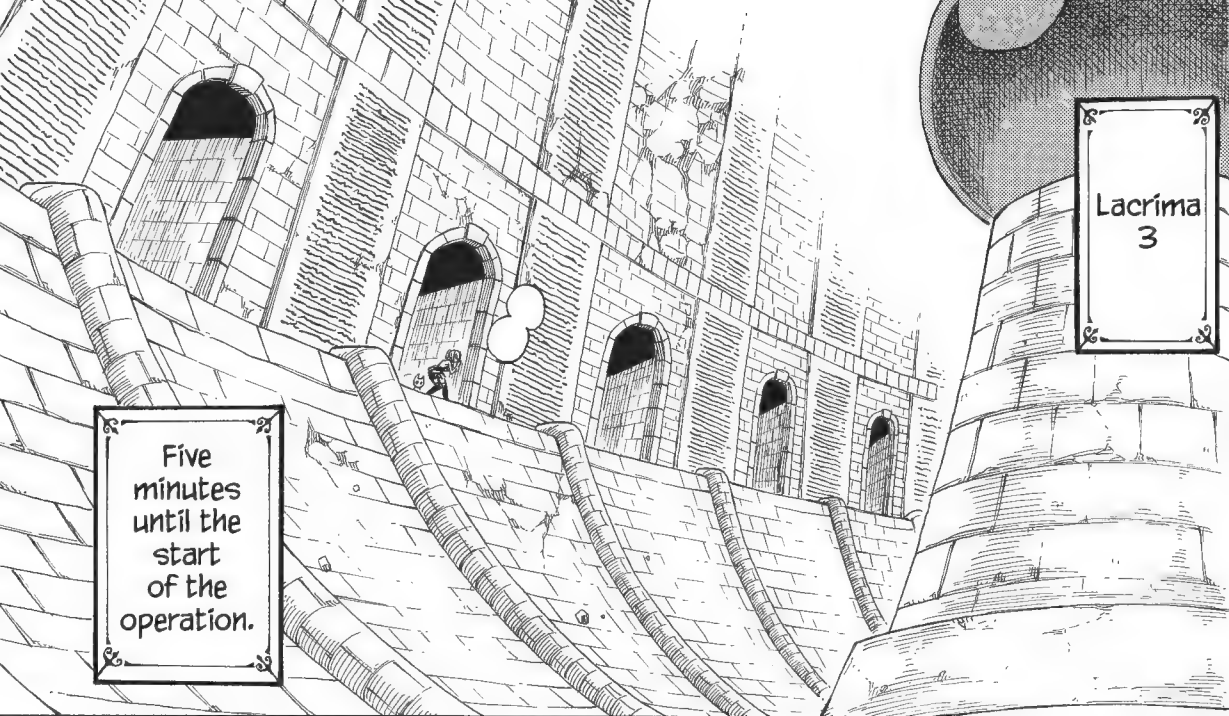


I can win this!!!



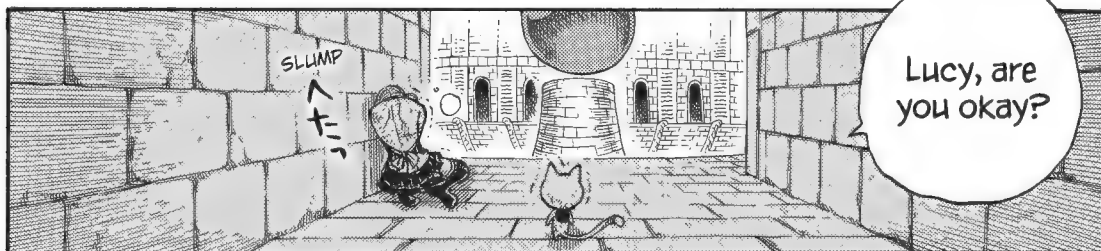
*Here I go !!!!*





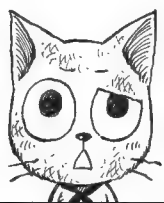
Lacrima  
3

Five  
minutes  
until the  
start  
of the  
operation.



SLUMP  
へたっ

Lucy, are  
you okay?



I  
don't...

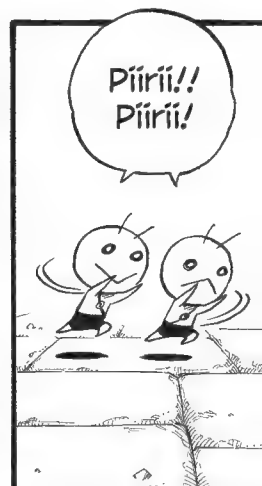
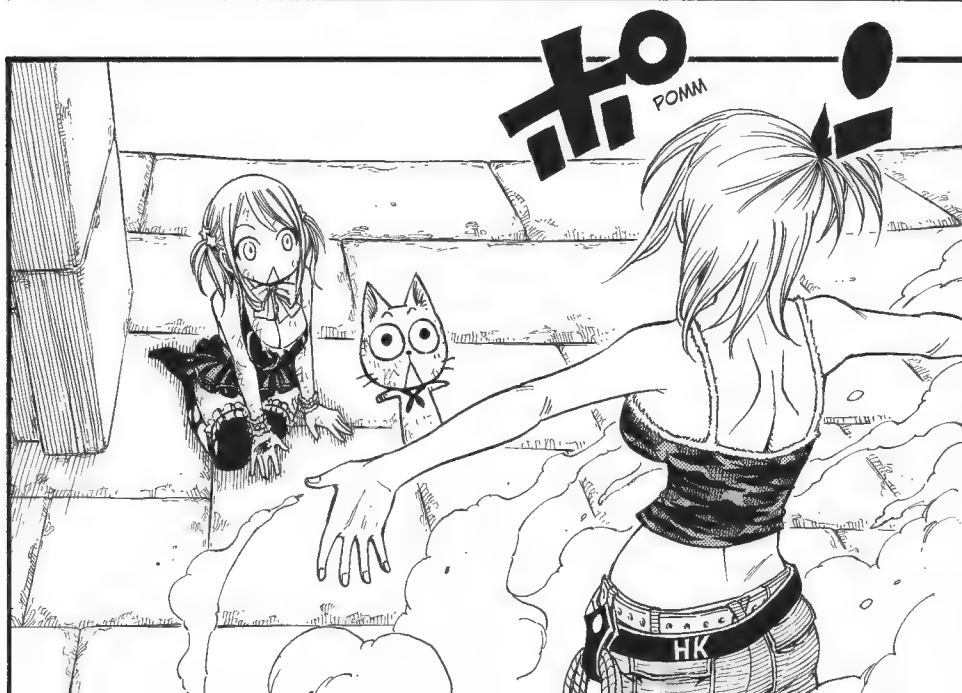
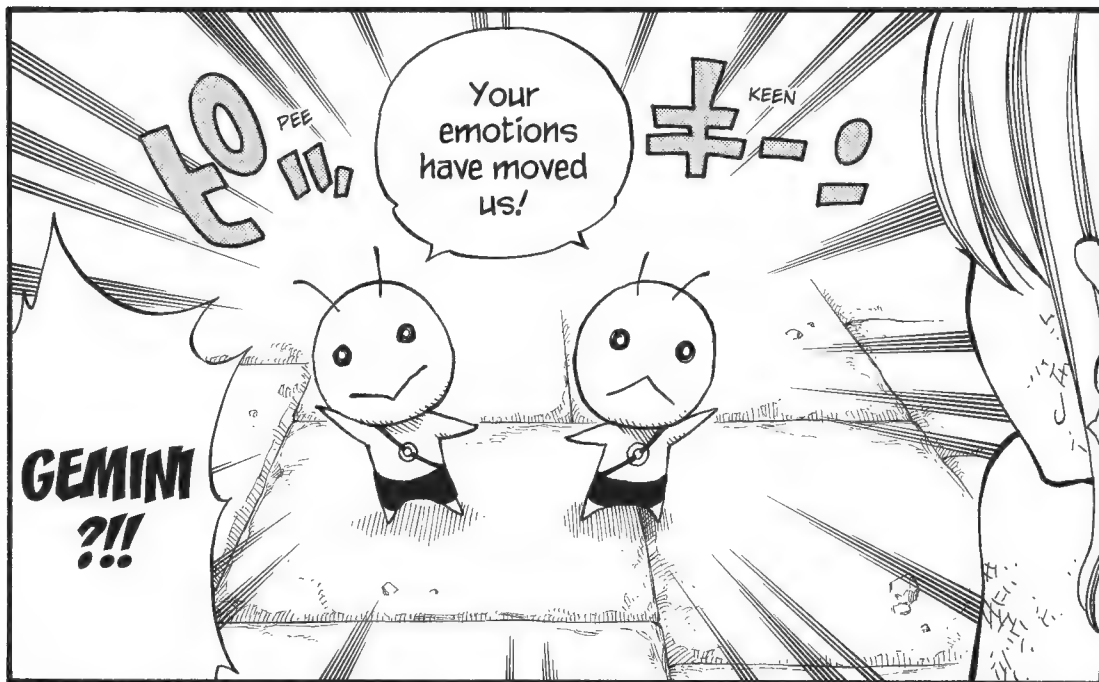
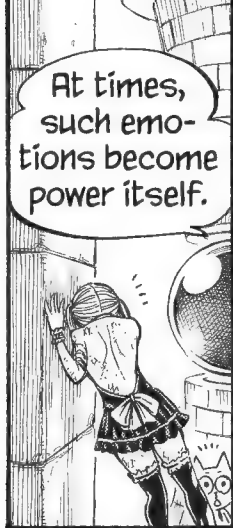
I know  
this is no  
time to go  
putting on  
pretenses  
...

But still, I want  
to help protect  
Wendy's guild!

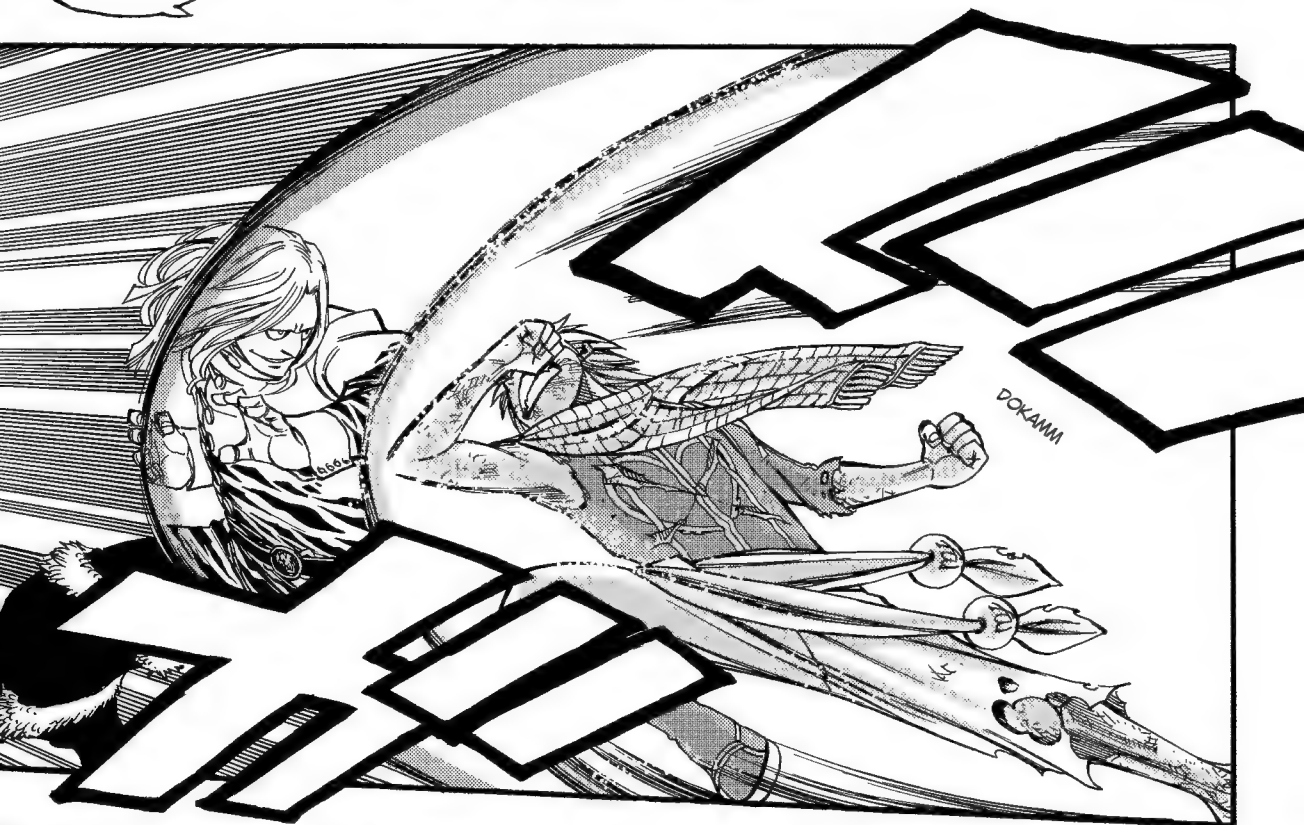
I don't want to  
just roll over!

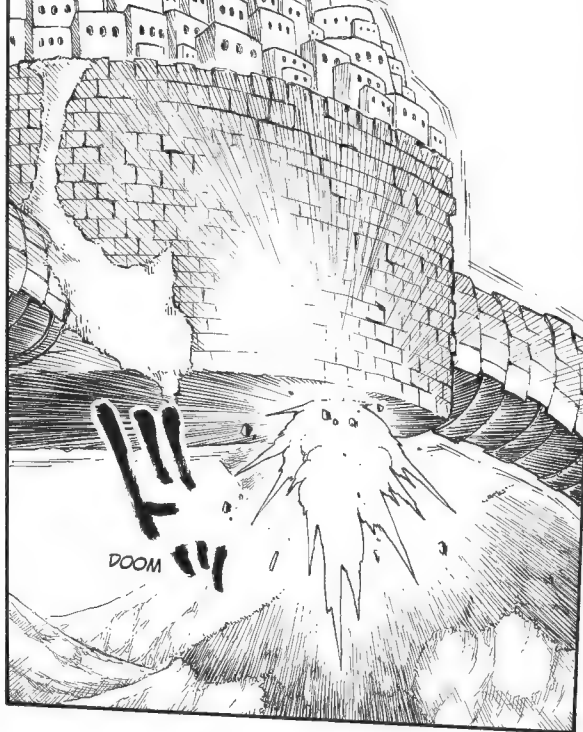
...have  
even a  
tiny bit  
of magic  
power  
left...

...but I  
couldn't  
tell them  
that I  
couldn't  
do it.



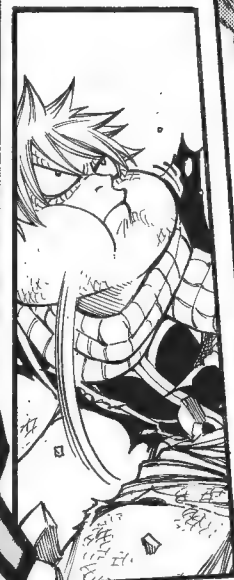




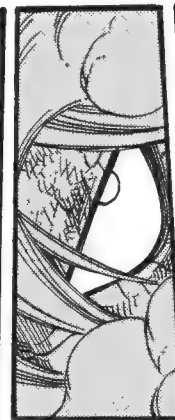






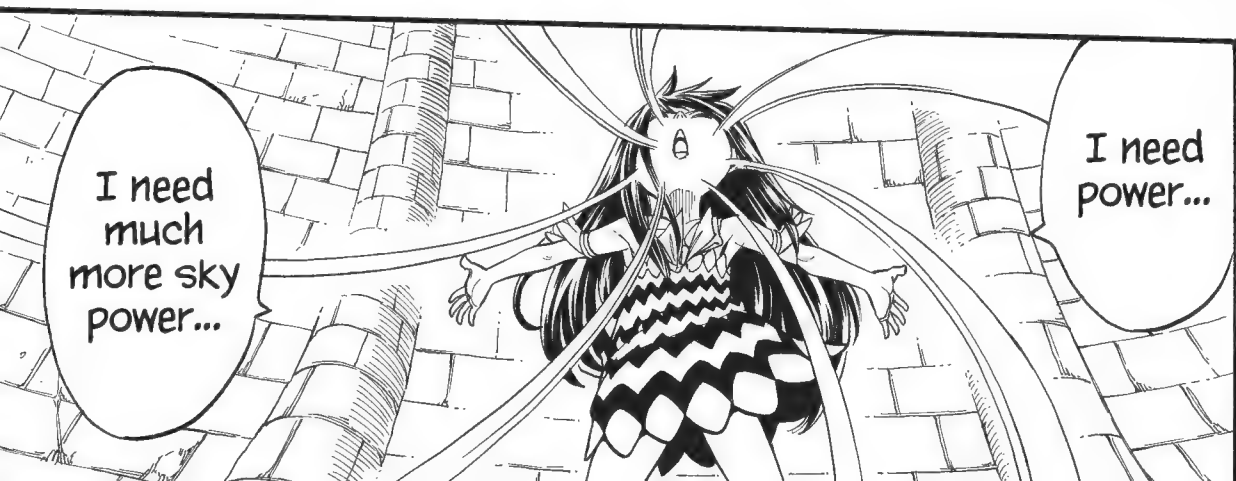
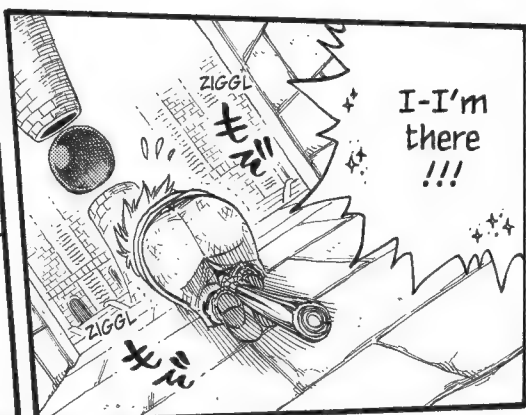
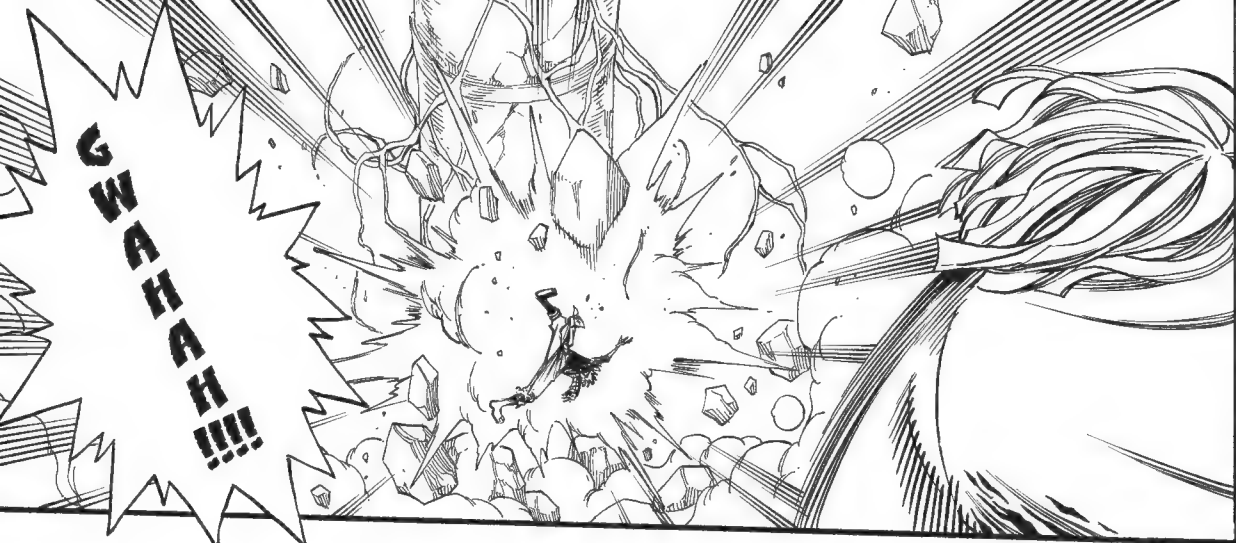


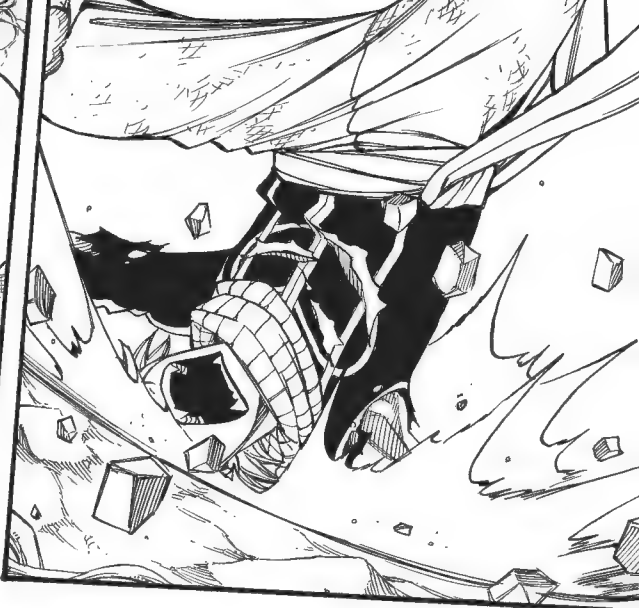










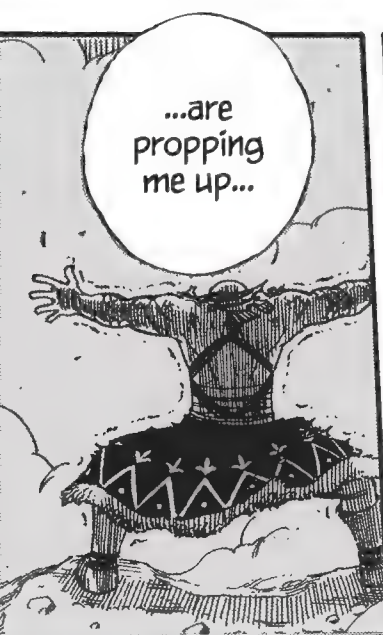






I can hear  
what they  
feel.

I hear  
their  
voices...



...are  
propping  
me up...



Everybody's  
feelings...



This ain't  
just my own  
power...




... make  
my  
stand  
here  
!!!!



...that I  
gotta...



They're  
telling  
me...

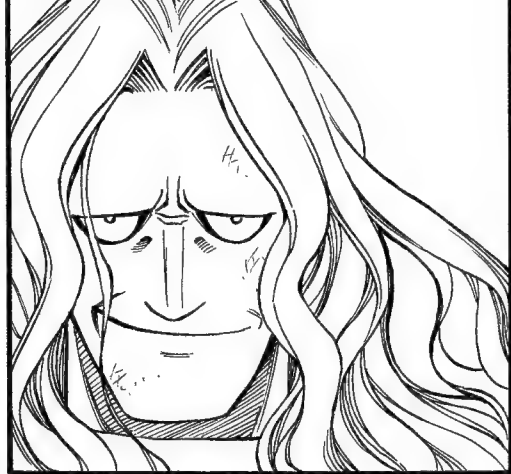
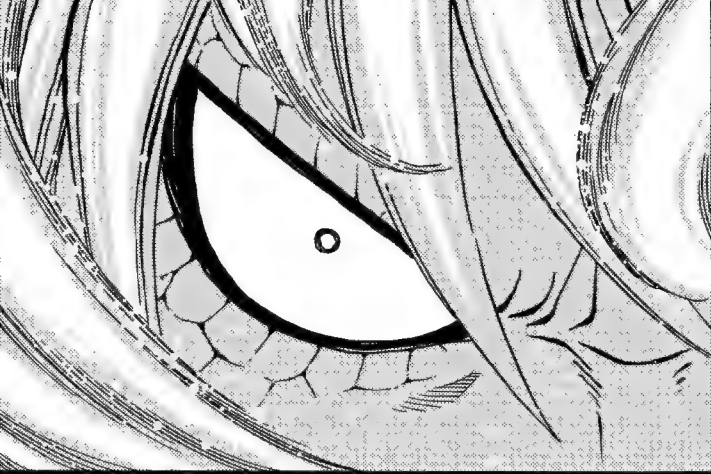


**The  
power  
of my  
friends**

...

**...is  
coursing  
through  
my body  
!!!!**





That  
is my  
greatest  
magic.

I'll give you  
the best of  
nothingness.



You know,  
it's almost a  
shame to turn  
you into dust,  
but if I  
must...

FWOOOOO


It's  
been  
fun.



FWOOOOO

**DRAGON  
SLAYER  
SECRET  
ATTACK**

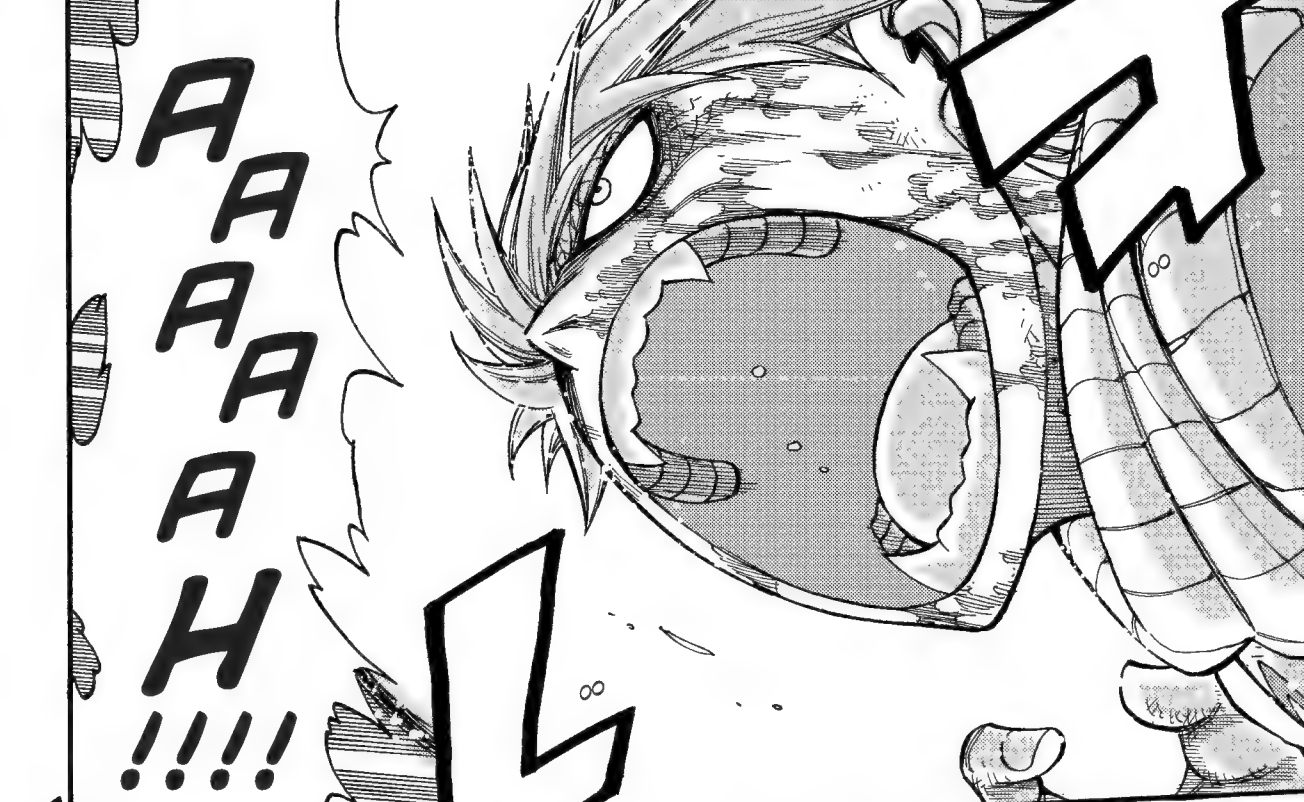
...



**GENESIS  
ZERO  
!!!!**

**GUREN  
BAKUEN-  
JIN  
!!!!\***





A  
A  
A  
A  
H  
!!!!



...into the  
depths of  
nothing-  
ness!

Vanish  
...

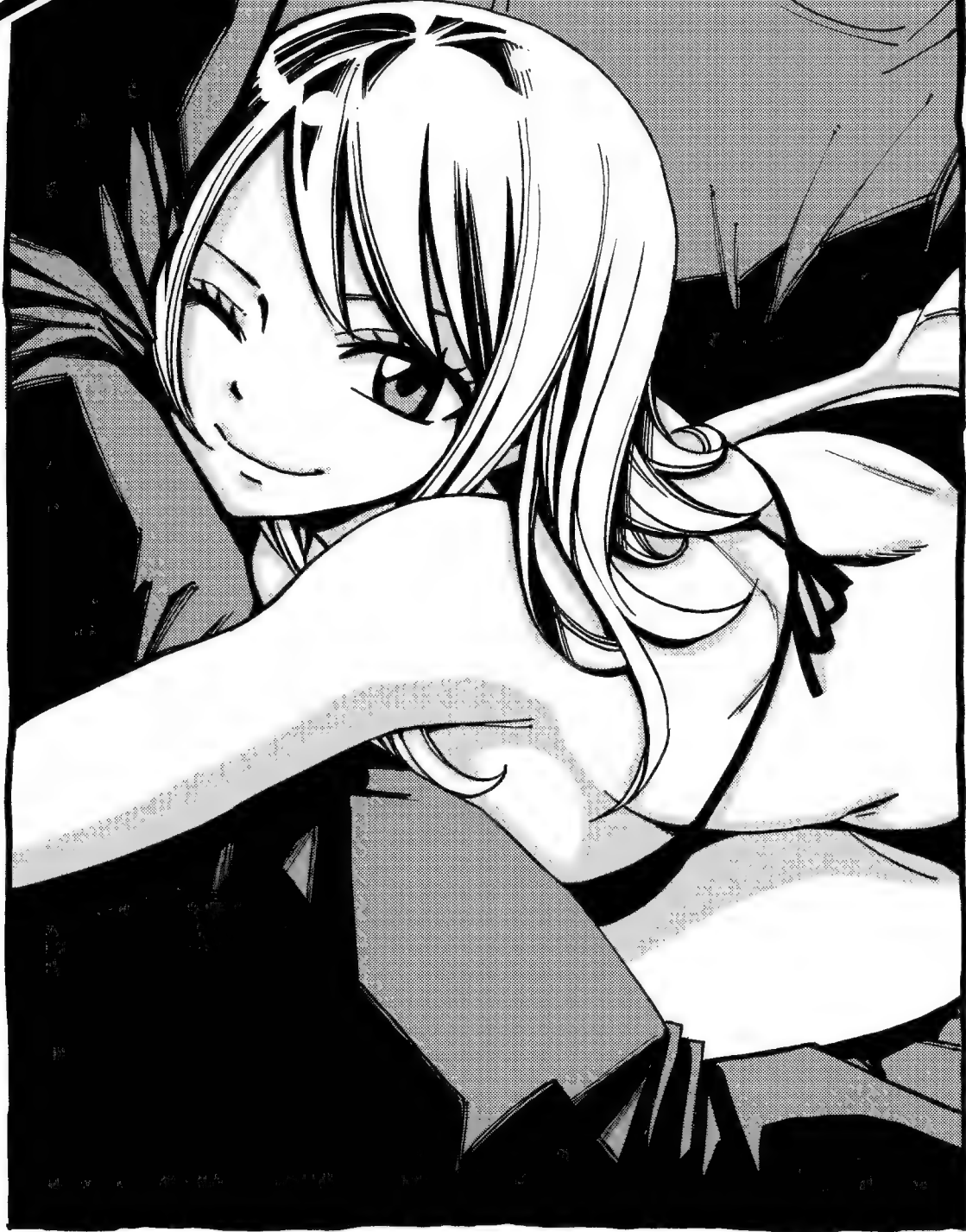


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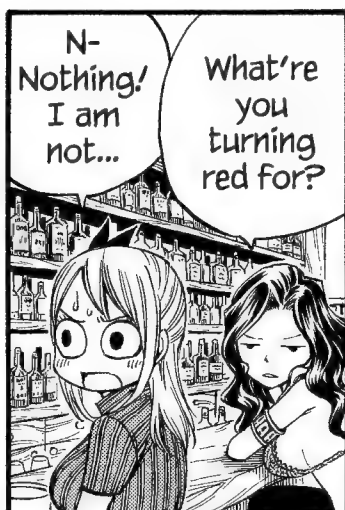
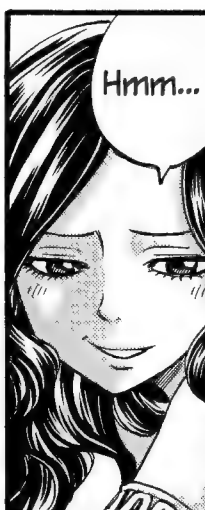
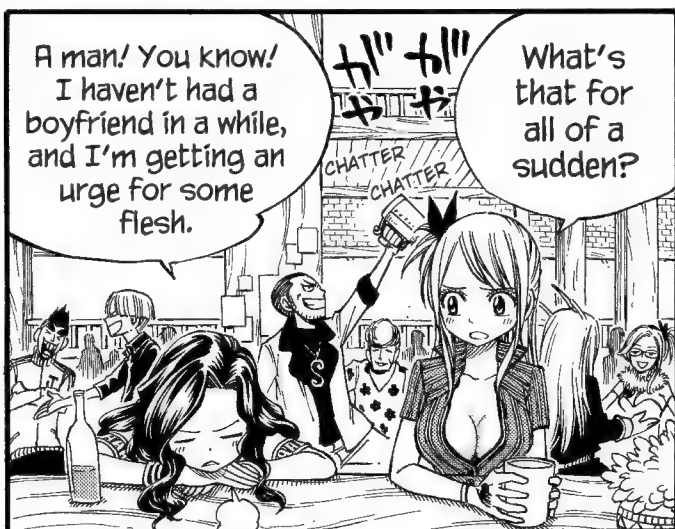
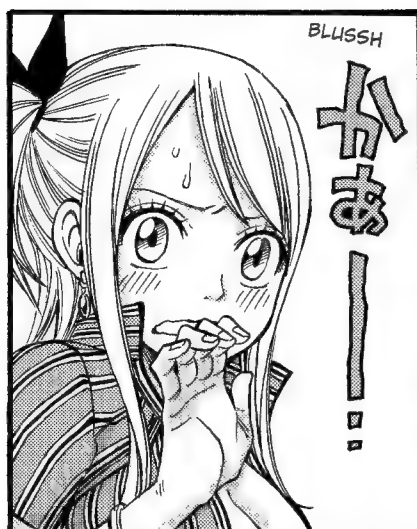
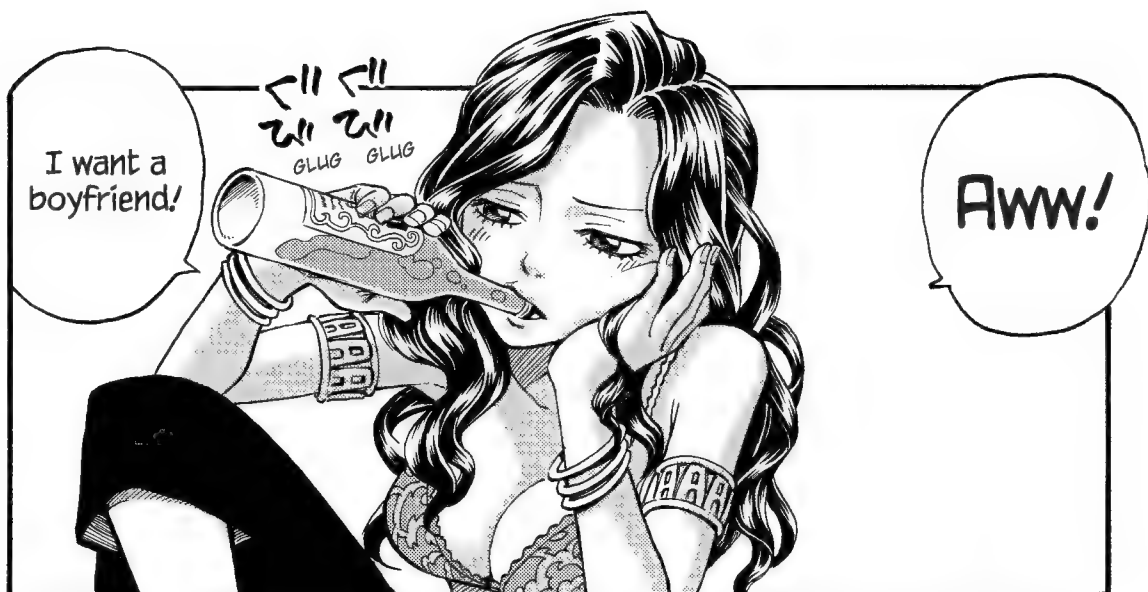
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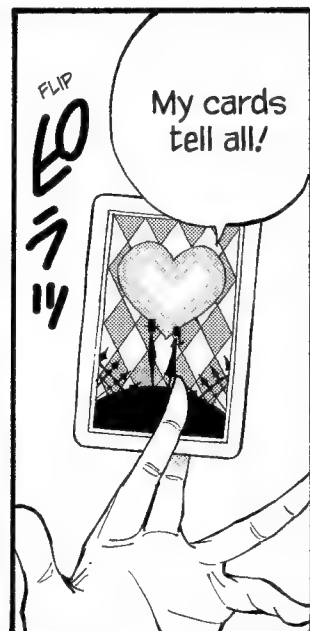
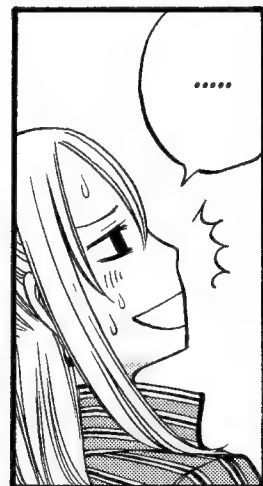
Side  
Story



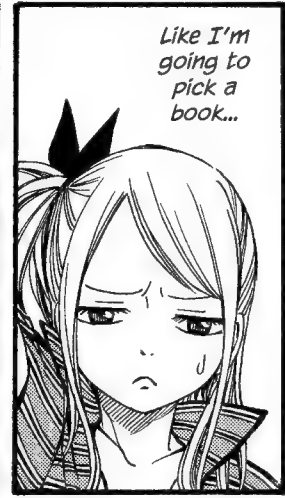
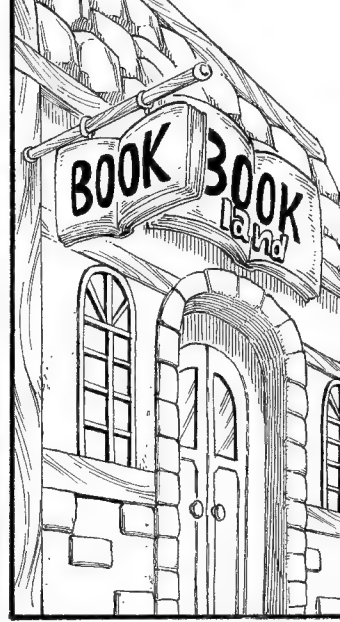
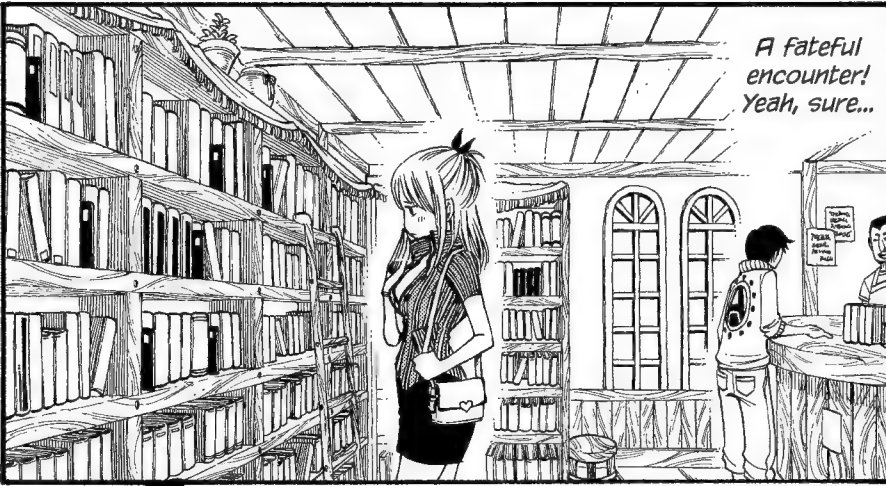
**The Day of the Fateful Encounter**

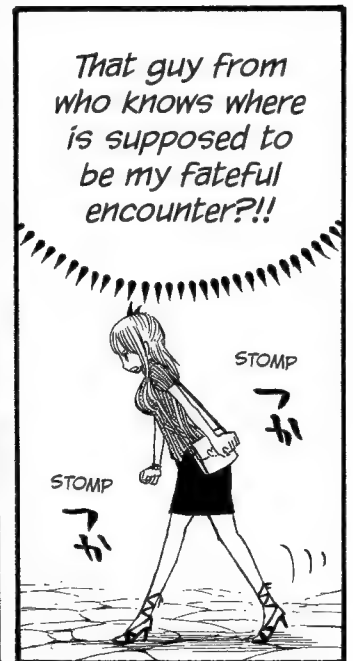
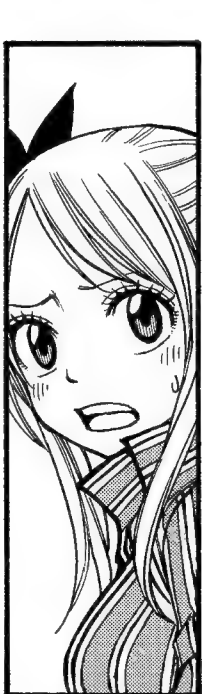
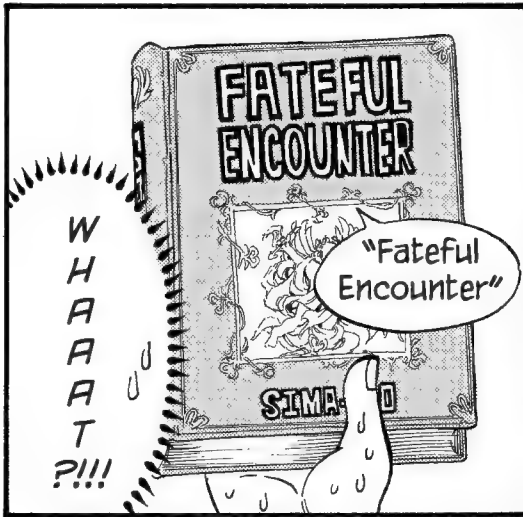




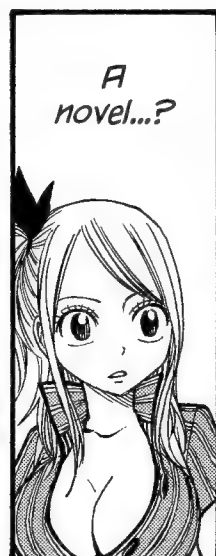


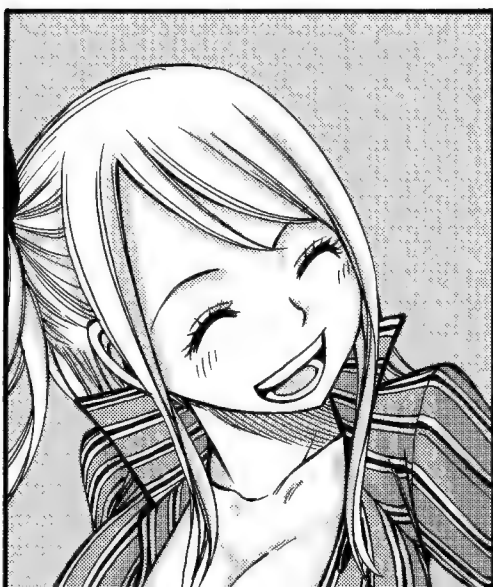
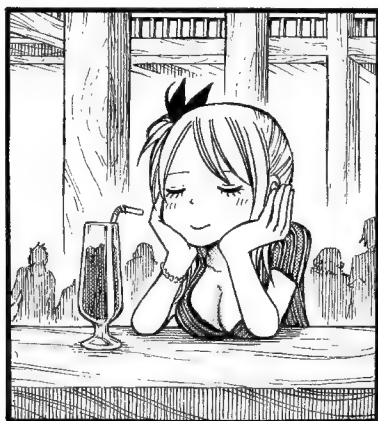
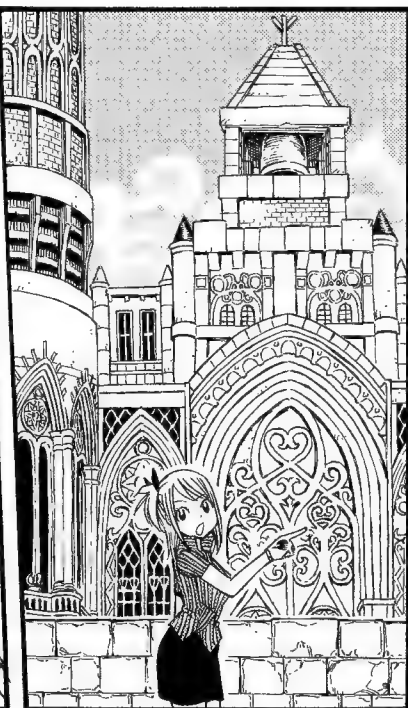
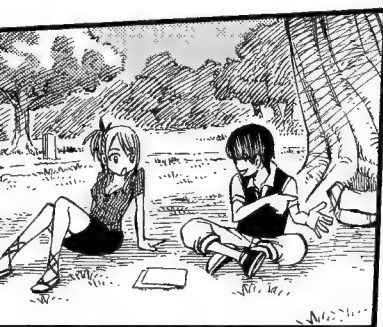
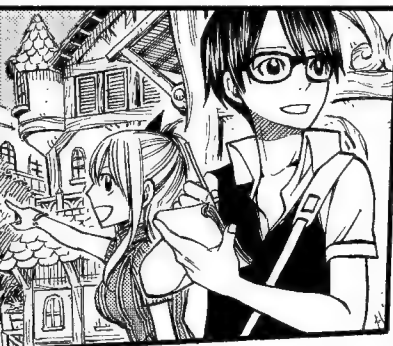




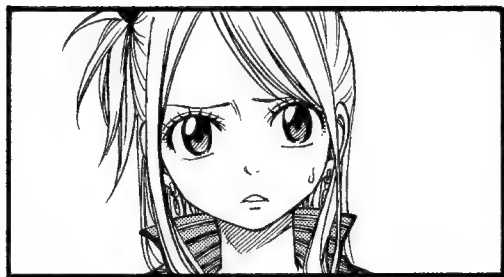


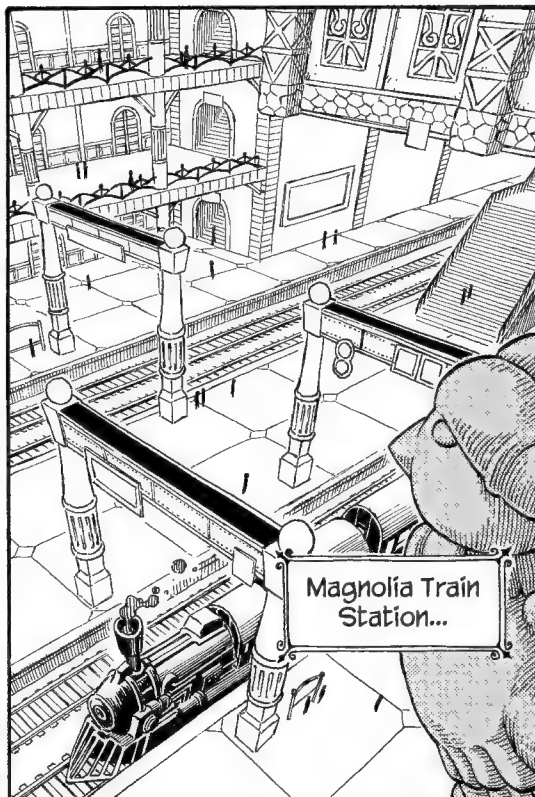
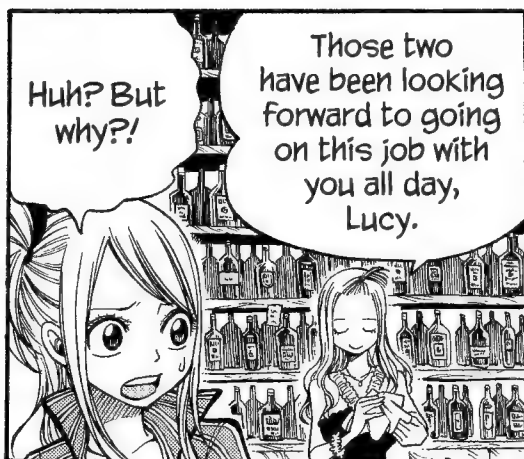










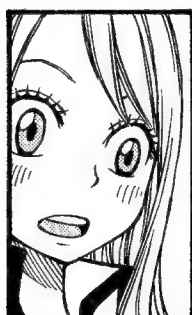






Lucy  
?!!!

Sorry  
to keep  
you  
waiting.



*It's  
been exactly  
a year since  
you were born  
as a Fairy  
Tail Wizard,  
right?*



*It is  
your  
birth-  
day!*



Forget  
it. But  
you know  
today...

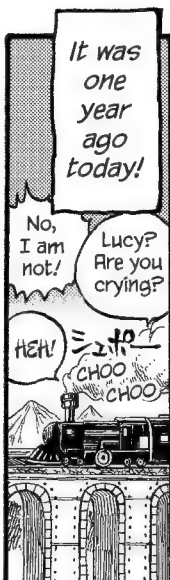
...isn't my  
birthday.

You  
had an  
appoint-  
ment...



Wow! You're  
just my  
type!

Lucy told  
me to come  
instead.  
I'm Cana.



*It was  
one  
year  
ago  
today!*

No,  
I am  
not!

Lucy?  
Are you  
crying?

HEH!

ミッポ  
CHOO  
CHOO



*That's  
right!*

*The day  
of my  
fateful  
encoun-  
ter...*

★The End★

# Afterword

## あとがき


My room's a mess... I know it's been written about in places before, but there are really people out there who can't clean up. Um...me, for instance. Every two to three months, I get the entire staff to help out, and we do a grand cleaning of our workplace. And it's about then that I think, "This time, I'll make sure the place doesn't get cluttered up!!" But before I know it, there's stuff all over the place, and it looks like a wreck again. Of course I like it better when it's clean, but there are reference materials and drawing implements... I always want to put them someplace close where I can get my hands on them quickly, and before I know it, it's chaos around my desk... And it was in that awful state that I suddenly had a guest come by!! I was so embarrassed, and I felt bad for the guest, so I bowed and bowed, apologizing! Arrgh! Well next time, it won't get cluttered!!


On a different subject, a while ago, I wrote about how I got a new paint tool program for my computer, and I've been studying it ever since. But then I thought I'd try out a different one, and I decided to try to color it in Photoshop this time. Once I tried it, I have to say that PS is a pretty fantastic paint tool with a different flavor all its own! Of course I'm still studying the program I've been using for years, Painter. Hm... I wonder if somebody can teach these to me. Studying on my own is a pretty painful process...





## At the Fairy Tail Counter

 : Oh... Heavy!


 : Lucy! Over here! Over here!

**Lucy:** This box... What's inside it?

**Mira:** It's letters from the readers with their questions, of course!

 : Th-That many...?!!


**Mira:** Well, this manga still has plenty of places to complain about!


 : Say, "Mysteries," okay?!!

**Mira:** Now let's take a look at the first question.

*If Racer only slows everything down within a certain area, wouldn't Gray's arrow get slowed when it enters the area too?*



 : What? Another Racer question?

 : We do get a lot of questions about this.

**Lucy:** Well, it does seem strange!! Racer might have been able to avoid the arrow!


**Mira:** Subjective speed is the point here. By subjective, I mean the speed your body feels it to be.


**Lucy:** Aye?

**Mira:** So it isn't that Lyon or Gray were really going that slowly. It's that they were made to think that Racer was incredibly fast! And that was just a mistake they initially made.

**Lucy:** Yes, yes...

**Mira:** And so, since a physical object such as an arrow has no thoughts or trick, the magic had no effect on it.

 : I think I see... But I empathize. It must be very hard trying to make these mistakes seem consistent.

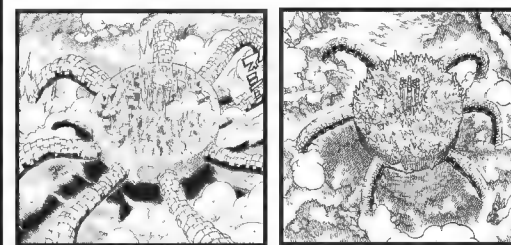
 : You know you're not supposed to say that!

**Lucy:** Next question.

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Continued from the left-hand page.


*Nirvana's leg-like things... Did they go from 8 legs to 6? (sweat)*




**Mira:** .....

**Lucy:** .....

 : Um... About that...

 : I'm impressed, Mira-san! You're going to try to explain that one?

 : While it was walking, two legs, like, fell off? Maybe?

 : Well, *that* wouldn't happen!!!!

**Mira:** Yes, that must be it! Let's just stick with that!

**Lucy:** Okay, how about this? It needed to get to Cait Shelter as quickly as possible, so it transformed its *shape*, removing two legs!


**Mira:** On to the last question!

**Lucy:** Wait a second!!!!

*It seems to me that there is absolutely no family resemblance between Brain and Midnight.*



**Mira:** Oh, that...

 : What's the matter, Mira-san?

**Mira:** You see, there's a bit of conceptual stuff here that never made it into the actual story.

**Lucy:** Ehh?!!


**Mira:** A lot happened in between, and it got cut, but the Oración Seis were originally supposed to have been children that Brain led out of the Tower of Heaven.


**Lucy:** Ehh?!!

**Mira:** They were supposed to be five children of extraordinary magical talent that he banded together and raised.

**Lucy:** That's kind of sad!

**Mira:** So for all of them, Brain is something of a father figure.

 : So Brain and Midnight actually *aren't* father and son?

 : That's right.

**Lucy:** Wow! So people who don't read this extra or the people who only read it in the magazine would always be under the impression that they're related!

**Mira:** Now don't you feel special for having this info?

**Lucy:** But now the info seems a bit iffy...

**Mira:** And in future editions, we'll give you even more background and conceptual information! How about that?!

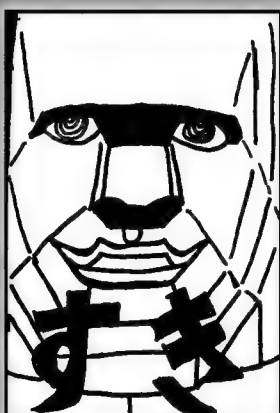
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Aomori Prefecture, French Bread

▼ Dwaaa! It's got too much power!! It's huge!!



Kanagawa Prefecture, Kenta Noro

▼ Hibiki who has quietly gained a lot of fans. But he's hard to draw.



Nagasaki Prefecture, Alice

▼ Here's a strangely cute Eizai!



Tokyo, Kôki Kurosawa

▼ Scorpio and Aquarius! What a great-looking couple... maybe?



Gifu Prefecture, Akioka

▼ Oh...! Is that a message for me? Thanks! I'll do my best!

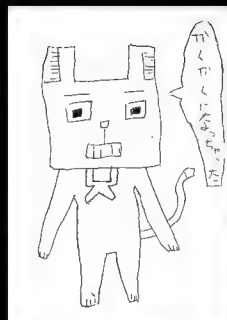


Nagano Prefecture, Tama

▼ Whooooo! This fires me up! This is how Natsu is supposed to be!

## REJECTION CORNER

This one just sort of struck me as funny... D-Dammit, he's so boxy... Heh heh!



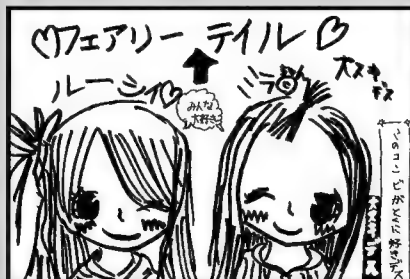
Tokyo, Yuiiko-man

▼ Both Santa and the snowman are blue!



Hokkaido, Seiko Sato

▼ Read the question corner that these two head up also, okay?



Yamagata Prefecture, Rina

▼ Cute and really well done!



Okayama Prefecture, Nanami Yamamoto

▼ Ice Make...er... What's he making?



Aichi Prefecture, Kasumi Hamaji



Yamagata Prefecture, Aya

▼ For some reason, I get a lot of pictures with Lucy in school-girl outfits.



Shizuoka Prefecture, Hibiki Ueyanagi

▼ It's rare to see a drawing of Liana! I hear she has more of a part in the anime.

▼ As I drew this volume, I realized I really like these two!



Chiba Prefecture, Misaki Kobayashi



Gunma Prefecture, Mimi ★

▼ Lyon and Sherry make a good couple...but just as you think that...



# Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

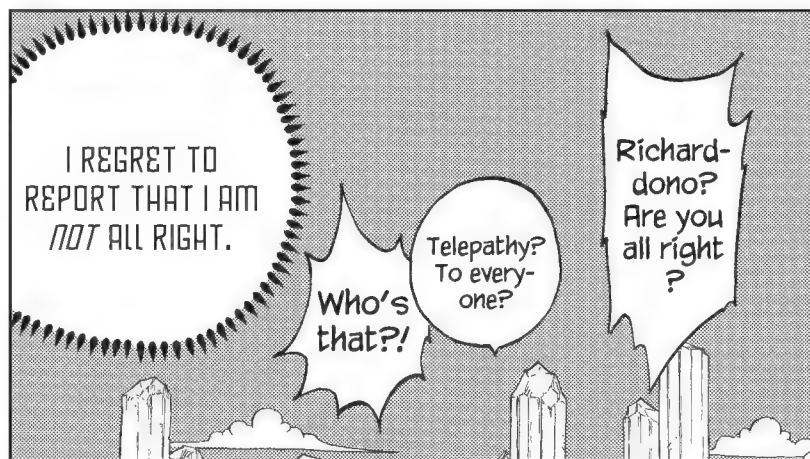
## Page 4, Nabura

Although in Japanese, there is a word, *nabura*, that's a technical word in the world of fishing, it seems to have nothing to do with the *nabura* that Master Robaul keeps repeating. This is called a *kuchiguse* ("mouth habit") or a word that the speaker is just in the habit of saying. As the other members of his guild note, it doesn't have any meaning that anyone can completely define. So if you don't understand the word *nabura*, you're not alone. Neither do the Japanese readers, nor do I.



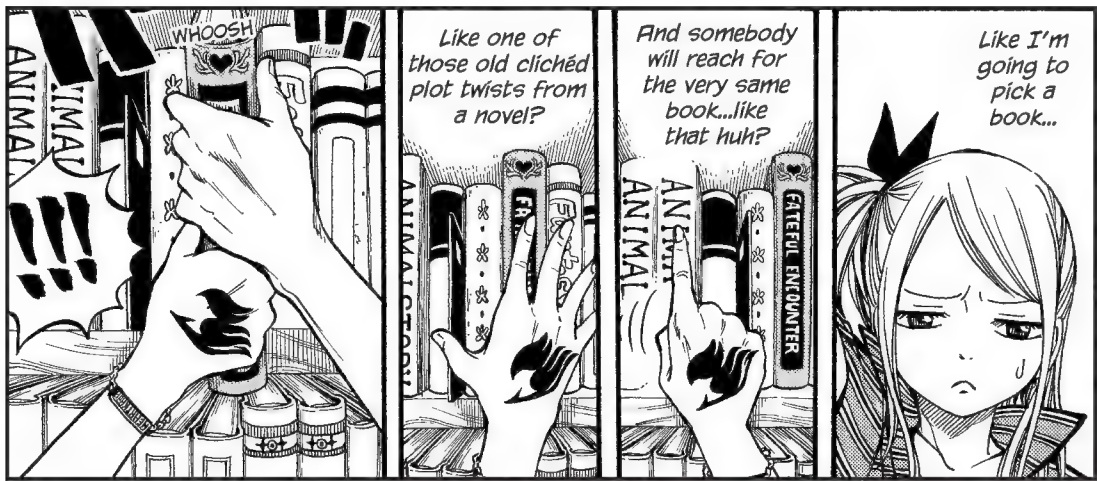
## Page 11, Richard-dono

The honorific *-dono* is a somewhat archaic word that Jura (and some other manga/ anime characters) uses. It means about the same thing as *-sama*. See more on this in the notes for Volume 18.



**Page 178, Reaching for the same book**

This trope (an often-used story-telling cliché) is used almost as often as the “transfer student” in Japanese story telling. It’s especially overused in Japanese romantic comedies in live-action TV and films. The lure of the trope is obvious – not only do both parties share an interest in reading, but they are also interested in exactly the same book, showing a certain compatibility. Plus it allows the soon-to-be-romantic couple to touch for the first time. But as Lucy said, it’s used so often that it’s an old, worn-out cliché.



## FROM HIRO MASHIMA



After I realized that I hadn't eaten a banana in a very long time, I sort of got the urge and drew this picture. Even so, it isn't like I suddenly got the urge to eat bananas. But it isn't like I hate them or anything. Still, once I drew the picture, I felt completely satisfied. And the phrase, "I can't resist the cute ones!"... I wrote it, and no, I have no idea what it's supposed to mean.



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HIRO MASHIMA

Every-  
body,  
do your  
part!

It's  
time!!!

Taurus  
!!!!

Open!!!  
Golden  
Bovine  
Gate...

Perfume of  
Strength,  
enact!!!!

Ngoooo  
oooooo  
ooooo!

Natsu!

\*Roar of the Sky Dragon

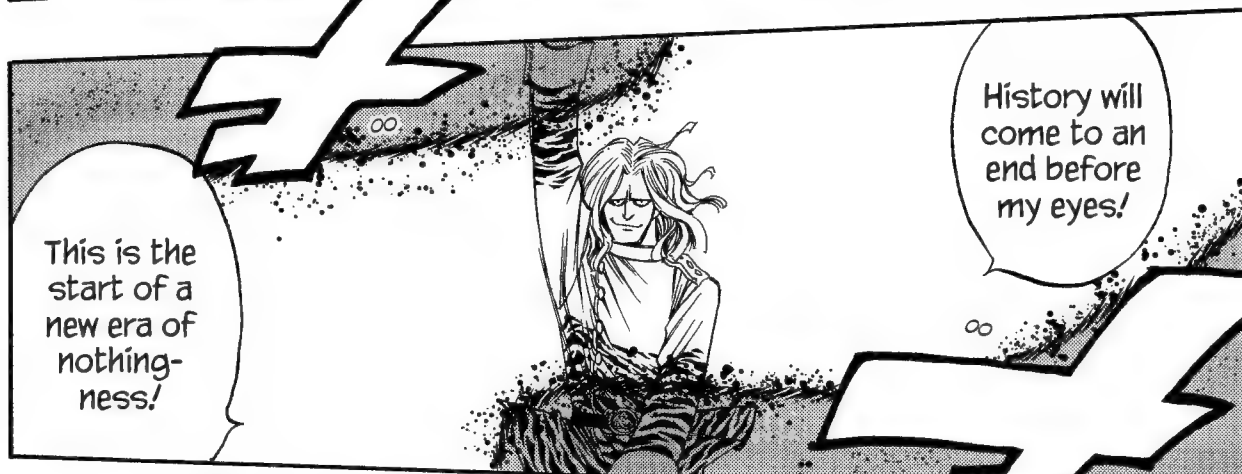
Tenryû no  
Hôkô\*...







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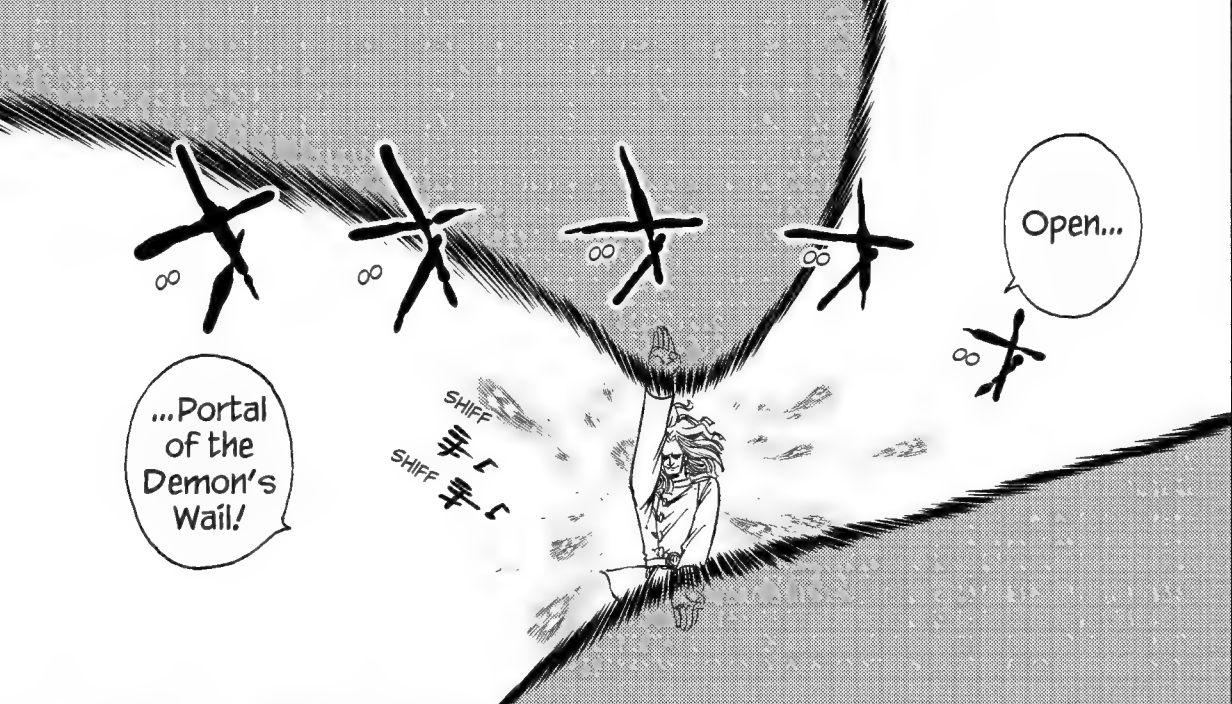
This is the  
start of a  
new era of  
nothing-  
ness!

History will  
come to an  
end before  
my eyes!



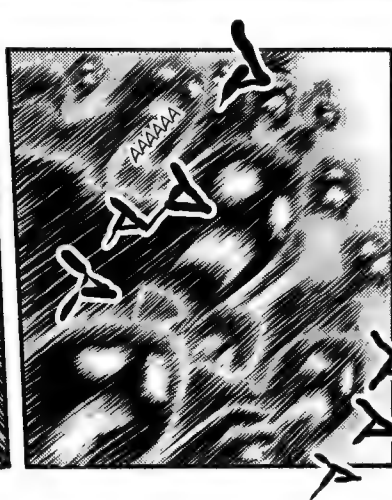
**GENESIS  
ZERO  
!!!!**





...Portal  
of the  
Demon's  
Wail!

Open...



Eat  
his  
memory  
!!!!

Eat  
his very  
exis-  
tence  
!!!!

Oh,  
travel-  
ers of  
nothing-  
ness!  
!!!  
Eat  
that  
man's  
soul!!





**Be  
gone  
!!!!**

**In the  
name  
of  
Zero  
!!!**

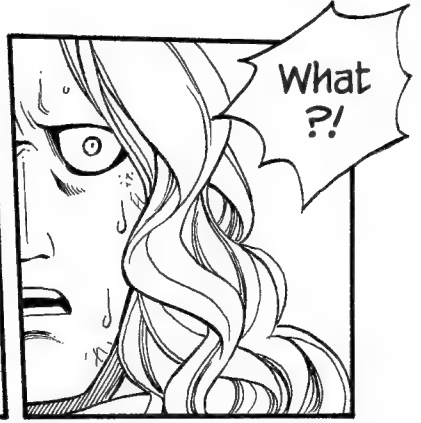
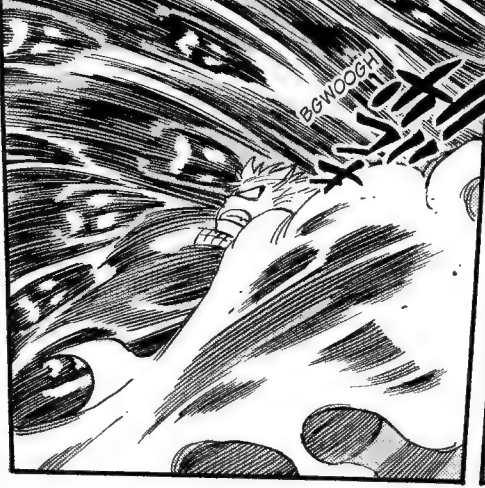


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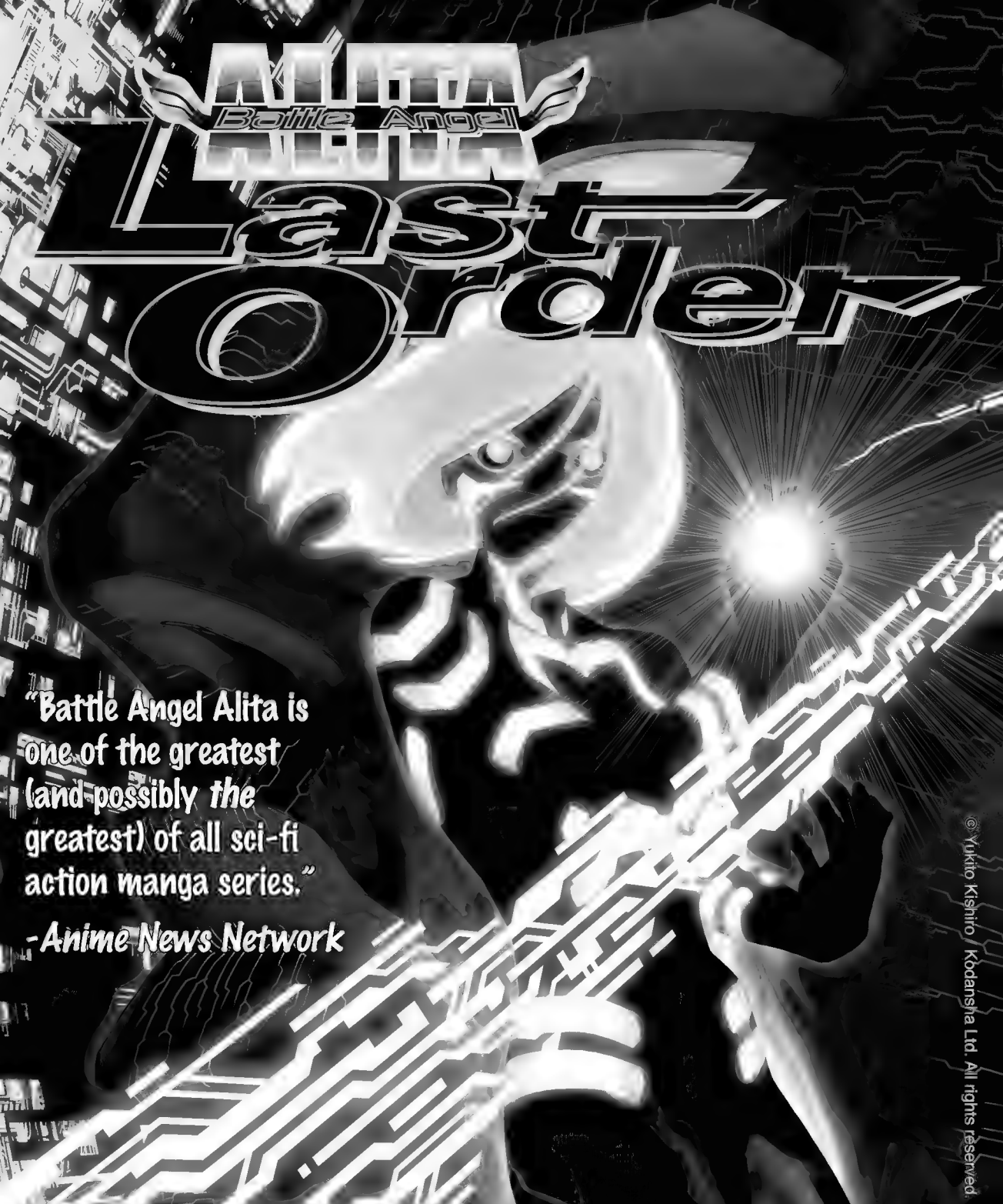
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**GWAHH  
!!!**







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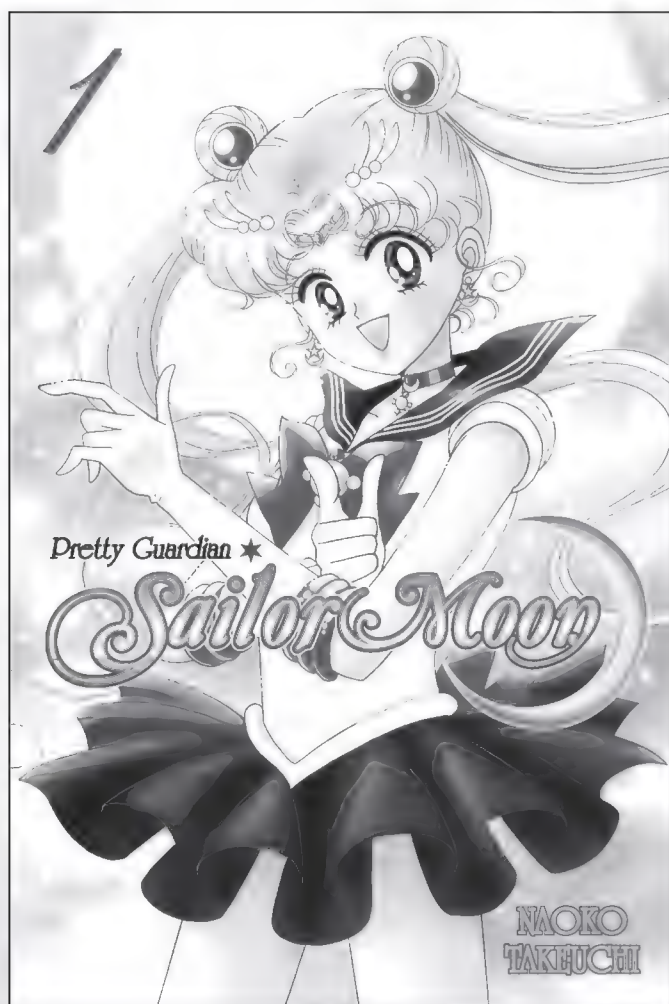




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